

GREETINGS FOR CHRISTMAS

"Let us go even unto Bethlehem."

So spoke the shepherds, one to another as they went to seek and find the Holy Child of whom the angels sang. This Christmas, let us return in heart and spirit to Bethlehem and the sacred manger. Let the miracle of His birth and the joy of His message ever be our blessing and inspiration.



As the radiance of that Holy Night shines across the years and the world rejoices, our thoughts turn to His words, urging all to brotherhood, and we feel it is especially fitting at this Christmastide to express anew our cordial greetings and good wishes to our many valued friends. May your Christmas be a wonderful one.

ANOTHER FEATHER

Sidney Firm Wins Contract For New Hydrographic Launch

By BILL CHATTERTON

Another feather joined the plumage on the cap of Philbrook's Boat Works, 2324 Harbor Road, last Wednesday with the announcement from Ottawa that the Sidney firm had been awarded the contract for the construction of a new 26-foot hydrographic launch.

The announcement came as a satisfying conclusion to the busiest year so far for the firm. Construction commenced the day following the announcement and the vessel will be completed by the end of February. It must be ready for service by March 16, 1964. Approximate cost of construction will be \$13,500.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Edwards and daughter, Mary, of West Vancouver, will be holiday guests at the home of Mrs. Edwards' parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Thornley, East Saanich Road, and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gardner, Shoreacre Road.

Tell Them . . . It Was In The Review!

The new launch is scheduled for use aboard the William J. Stewart, a 1,295 hydrographic survey ship of the Canadian Hydrographic Service. The Stewart carries out charting and surveying operations off the west coast, particularly in Queen Charlotte Sound and in the waters around the Queen Charlotte Islands.

THIRD YEAR

E. W. Philbrook and Son Ltd. are completing their third year of operation in Sidney. Barry Philbrook has now taken over much of the administration of the firm from his father, and manager is O. Y. Simpson of 5288 Santa Clara Ave., Saanich.

Philbrook's Boat Works is now the second largest employer in the Sidney district, second only to Fairley Aviation Co. Total of 25 craftsmen are currently employed by the firm, nearly all of whom live in the immediate area. It is expected that this list will be augmented next year. Annual payroll for the employees ranges between \$100,000 and \$125,000.

Reputation for quality workman-

ship has rapidly spread the name of the Sidney boat works, the length of the Pacific coast—so much, in fact, that approximately one-quarter of all the building, overhaul, conversion and maintenance now carried out by Philbrooks comes from American customers. During the past year, work has been done on some 40 or 50 American cruisers and yachts ranging in length from 30 to 55 feet. Individually, the work was valued from a few hundred dollars to several thousand.

"No other shop in the Pacific north-west has comparable facilities," said Mr. Simpson. "We can accommodate vessels up to 70 feet in length, under cover in a heated building."

QUALITY

"Mr. Philbrook's name has become synonymous with quality all up and down the coast," he continued. "All our work is fully guaranteed and if, for instance, we caulked the decks of a cruiser and there was a leak the following day, the entire job would be re-done at no extra cost to the customer."

The firm is presently fitting the interior for a 40-foot sloop with a fiberglass hull designed and made by Pelagic Construction and Design Ltd., of Victoria. This is the second of three to be built and they are going to customers in Vancouver, San Francisco and Seattle. Present vessel will be completed within a month and work on the third will commence immediately.

LADY ROYAL

Also high and dry now for conversion and overhaul is the 65-foot Lady Royal. Work nearing completion on this well-known vessel includes re-planking, installation of new auxiliary engines and renewing of electronic equipment. Annual bill for maintenance of a vessel this size is about three or \$4,000.

Biggest feather for the cap in the past year was the Coya, a 48-foot luxury off-shore cruiser which was conceived, planned and completed this year. She features sleeping room for six, two heads, hot and cold running water, electric oil furnace, automatic pilot, ship-to-shore radio, aqua sounding, radar, electrical converter and a 1,200-mile range.

Fibreglas floats for docks, manufactured by Philbrook's have gained popularity in the past year and to date some 160 have been sold. The floats are comparable to styrofoam but have a longer life.

EXPANSION

The year 1963 has been an extremely busy one for Philbrook's Boat Works, but 1964 is expected to be even busier. Considerable expansion of the company's facilities will be undertaken in the spring of 1964 when the offices will be enlarged and buildings for construction and repair of boats up to 30 feet in length will be constructed between the present office and Harbor Road.

The aforementioned work represents only a portion of the Sidney firm's activities during 1963. Bid on the hydrographic launch was the second submitted by Philbrooks for a government contract. Bid on the earlier job was not successful. The firm is now in a better position to compete for these contracts and will be a heavy contender for future governmental work.

Hoped for in the new year is the construction of a 70-foot yacht for a San Francisco yachtsman. The Sidney firm has submitted a bid and is now waiting for the results. Another, even bigger, feather may well be added to the cap shortly.

IN AND

Around Town

MRS. W. J. WAKEFIELD — PHONE: GR 5-2214

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Kyle and two children, of Victoria, are spending Christmas with Mrs. Kyle's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. Theaker, Ebor Terrace.

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Newton, Lands End Road, have with them for Christmas, their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Newton, of West Vancouver; Mrs. Newton's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Evans, of Burnaby, and Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Newton, Jr., of Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McGrath and five children, Jim, Sheila, Ann, Carol and baby Lauriss, of Vancouver, are spending Christmas with Mrs. McGrath's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sadler, Orchard Ave., and also her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F. Dawson, Third St.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Derry, Beaufort Road, returned home after visiting relatives in Vancouver.

Mrs. R. Melville, Third St., is expected home on December 23 after holidaying in New York, Virginia, Washington and Toronto. Expected out-of-town Christmas guests at the Melville home will be Mr. and Mrs. P. Simmonds, formerly of Nova Scotia and now of Victoria.

Robert Seymour, second-year University of British Columbia student, is spending Christmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. Seymour, John Road.

Miss Ruth Gardner, laboratory technician at Kamloops hospital, will spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gardner, Third St.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Kyle, former residents of the island, and now of San Diego, will be visiting relatives and friends in Victoria and Sidney.

Out-of-town guests sharing Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Levar, White Birch Road, will be the latter's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Roberts, nee Nora, and three children, Susanne, Christine and David, of Nanaimo; also Mr. Roberts' sister, Miss H. Roberts, of Victoria. They will also be guests at the home of Mrs. Roberts' parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Deveson, John Road.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Cochran, Second St., will have with them for Christmas the latter's niece, Miss H. Whidden, of Halifax; also their two daughters, Miss Marion Cochran from Vancouver and Miss Helen Cochran, of Victoria.

Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Rimes, of Victoria, will be guests at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. K. Cantwell, Weiler Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. MacNutt entertained at a cocktail party at their home on Weiler Ave., for the T.C.A. traffic department at Patricia Bay.

Ken Cantwell, Weiler Ave., returned home last week after visiting his parents, relatives and friends in England. Prior to leaving on his flight, Mr. Cantwell, a T.C.A. employee, checked through a traveller at Patricia Bay and by co-incidence

IN BETHLEHEM, GA.

A 60-foot star lights the countryside around Bethlehem, Ga., at Christmas. A carol service is held beneath the star on Christmas night.

12 hours later assisted in re-confirming her at London terminal.

Prior to Christmas, Mrs. J. Bourne, Eastview Drive, and her sister, Mrs. G. Lowe, of Victoria, will have as guests their niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. G. Harris and son, Wayne, of Corvallis, Oregon. On Christmas day the relatives will share Christmas with Mrs. Bourne's daughter and family at Aldergrove, B.C.

Christopher Robin Kindergarten children gathered at their classroom on Weiler Ave., with parents joining them for their Christmas party.

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This Is Bad Law

(Esquimalt Leader)

The Leader stands accused this week of breaking the law in publishing an advertisement in its issue of December 11, last Wednesday.

The advertisement originated with the Esquimalt Hairdressing Salon, 1309 Esquimalt Road, and set out prices for permanent waves, including a special price for pensioners.

Following publication of the issue, The Leader was informed that the advertisement contravened the provincial statutes governing the operation of hairdressing establishments. Investigation by The Leader's solicitor proved that the statute does indeed contain prohibitions against advertising price. The pertinent section follows:

No person shall in or upon or as part of any sign, notice, or advertisement whatsoever of a nature to indicate in any way that hairdressing or any branch thereof is being carried on or will be carried on, nor in or upon or as part of any sign, notice or advertisement whatsoever of or used on any premises

ices or part of premises where hairdressing or any branch thereof is carried on, state, set out, insert, or in any way mention, or cause or permit to be stated, set out, inserted, or in any way mentioned, any price or consideration whatsoever to be asked, charged, or received for hairdressing or for any branch thereof, or for any materials or services, or for any consideration whatsoever supplied or furnished or used in connection with or in relation to any act of hairdressing.

Whether or not this newspaper has in fact abused the statute, and will, under prosecution, be found guilty of an offence against the law, will not change one fact . . . that this is bad law.

We feel sure that our readers will be astonished as we were to discover that a beauty salon operator so enterprising as to make his prices publicly known can be subjected to prosecution and fined under provincial statutes, and that any newspaper which accepts such an advertisement runs the risk of being similarly fined.

That the section is inimical to the public interest is, we believe, demonstrated in the situation faced by Mr. L. J. Harper, owner of the Esquimalt Hairdressing Salon. Mr. Harper has specifically advertised a special price for pensioners. This can be and has been interpreted as a contravention of the section.

This is bad law.

The Leader will not republish the advertisement. We will not knowingly contravene the statutes of British Columbia, good or bad; but we do call upon the district's hairdressers and their association to consider whether this savage restrictive covenant is in the interests of their customers, or, indeed, in their own best interests. It is self-evident that a test case under this section would have a disastrous effect on public opinion.

Warnings Issued By Police

Special warnings have been issued by police on Saanich Peninsula to motorists and homeowners for the Christmas-New Year holiday season.

R.C.M.P. from the Sidney detachment are holding spot traffic checks throughout the Sidney and North Saanich area in an effort to keep accidents to a minimum. They remind drivers that it is an offence to drive an automobile when vision out of any window is impaired by mist, frost or other causes.

Businessmen and homeowners are advised to check the security of their premises before going out, to discourage would-be burglars. Increased number of drug addicts in the Victoria area has caused concern recently and there are now 18 known addicts in the area. Addicts or youths are suspected by R.C.M.P. for the break-in at the home of E. M. Sealey, 9366 Lochside Drive, recently. Several dollars in change and an electric razor were stolen.

Central Saanich police urged motorists to use extra caution during the holidays and have one stern warning: "If you are drinking — Don't Drive."

Police have also noted that a quantity of worthless cheques have been passed in the lower Vancouver Island area in recent weeks and they advise caution before accepting any cheque.

Two Escape Injury In Collision

Two drivers escaped unharmed early Friday morning when their automobiles collided at the intersection of Patricia Bay Highway and Weiler Ave. Both old-model cars were described as near-writes-offs.

Police identified the drivers as Fred Musclove, 3883 Fifth St., Sidney, and Walter F. Large, 991 Greenridge Crescent, Victoria.

Car driven by Mr. Large was travelling north on the highway when it was in collision with Mr. Musclove's vehicle as it was turning north onto the highway from the west end of Weiler. No charges are to be laid.

Among those who have arrived to spend Christmas at home are Mr. and Mrs. J. Slater of Vancouver, and Miss Cathie Slater, of Calgary.



A Christmas Prayer
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Recent Practice Of Sending Christmas Cards Imported

Many of today's Christmas traditions began somewhere in the dim past, but the practice of exchanging greeting cards is just a little over a century old.

In 1848 William Maw Egle, a "starving" young English artist, came up with the idea of designing a Christmas card and reproducing it on pieces of pasteboard for the public to buy.

Egle's card showed a family Christmas dinner, formal dance, skating, carolers, alms-giving, a Punch and Judy show and other aspects of a celebration resembling the one in Charles Dickens' "The Christmas Carol," published a few years previously. Unfortunately, Egle's friends were not enthusiastic about his idea.

The "daddy" of all holiday cards

was designed and etched in 1812 by J. A. Boerner, a young Londoner, who wanted to apologize to friends for his failure to pay a New Year's Day visit. Mr. Boerner's card made it clear he was tied to his home by depicting him with his coat caught in the locked doorway of his house.

In 1843, Sir Henry Cole, a busy English "missionary" of culture, hit upon the idea of sending out little missives at Christmas. John Calcott Horsley of the Royal Academy, famous for his campaign against nude art, designed the cards and Sir Henry sent out 1000 to friends.

It wasn't until the early 1860's that cards were issued for general distribution by a large English publishing company.

ROASTING PEACOCK

Roast peacock was a Yule delicacy in medieval England. An early recipe directs careful removal of the peacock's head and skin so that the roast bird can be sewn back into it before serving.

Christmas greetings were introduced into the United States by the Marcus Card company of London. They became popular immediately, and in 1874 Louis Prang, a German immigrant, started a Christmas card business at Roxbury, Mass.

CUSTOM LOST FASHION

At the turn of the century, he ceased publishing rather than compete with imports flooding the market. For the next decade or so the custom of exchanging cards fell out of fashion.

Only after World War One did American manufacturers begin to achieve success in the card business. Then inexpensive printing and lithography processes brought Christmas cards within everyone's reach.

Despite its relatively recent start in this country, the custom has caught the fancy of the American public to the extent that it sends

billions of Christmas cards every year, according to Mrs. Peggy Gilbert of Norcross, Inc.

BANK OFFICERS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA ARE APPOINTED

John B. Lesslie has been appointed superintendent of the Bank of Montreal's British Columbia division, with headquarters in Vancouver. R. D. Mulholland, vice-president and general manager of the bank has announced. Mr. Lesslie succeeds Lawrence E. Tritschler, who is retiring at the end of December to end a 47-year banking career. Mr. Lesslie has been associate manager of the Bank of Montreal's main Vancouver branch since September, 1962. He previously served at offices in eastern Canada and was an agent at the bank's New York agency from 1957 to 1960. Mr. Tritschler joined the bank in 1916

and has served in many parts of Canada and in Paris, France. He came to Vancouver as superintendent of the British Columbia division in March, 1958.

A. John Ellis, now senior assistant general manager at the head office of the Bank of Montreal, has been appointed general manager for British Columbia, with headquarters in Vancouver. The appointment was announced by G. Arnold Hart, president and chief executive officer of the bank. The bank's British Columbia division was formerly directed by J. Leonard Walker, who now moves to the head office in Mont-

Of Wreaths

Using wreaths as decorations at Christmas may be traced to the customs of Advent season, the four Sundays before Christmas—a time of preparation for the coming of the Christ Child. Traditionally, the Advent wreath is made of evergreen branches interlaced with red ribbons. It holds four candles. One candle is lit at dusk on the first Sunday of Advent, two the next Sunday, three the next and four on the last Sunday before Christmas. The wreath may be placed on a door, set on a table or hung from the ceiling.

SPIRITUAL ASPECT OF SEASON CLOTHED IN ANCIENT HISTORY

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Like the shepherds who left their flocks to seek the Babe of Bethlehem, men, women and children of this community will put aside not only their everyday concerns but the more immediate interest in tree-trimming and package-wrapping and go to find once again the holy meaning of Christmas, in special services held by local churches.

Catholic churches will proclaim the birth of the King of Christendom by solemn midnight masses. To commemorate the Nativity, Protestant churches will hold candlelight and communion services and children's programs.

The custom of saying mass at midnight derives from an old belief that Christ was born at that hour.

Actually, mass may be said at any hour during the night before Christmas, and in some countries the first Christmas mass is said at four or five in the morning.

According to early Roman regulations, Christmas mass was celebrated "when the cock crows"—about three o'clock in the morning. Spanish-speaking people still call midnight mass "Misa de Gallo," while the Portuguese term is "Missa do Galo"—in both cases, "mass of the cock."

Candlelight services held in Protestant churches symbolize Christ as the light of the world, and the shining beams of the candles call to mind the Star that shone to guide the Wise Men.

Exemplifying the spiritual side of Christmas are programs which include special sermons, reading the Christmas story, prayers, carols and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

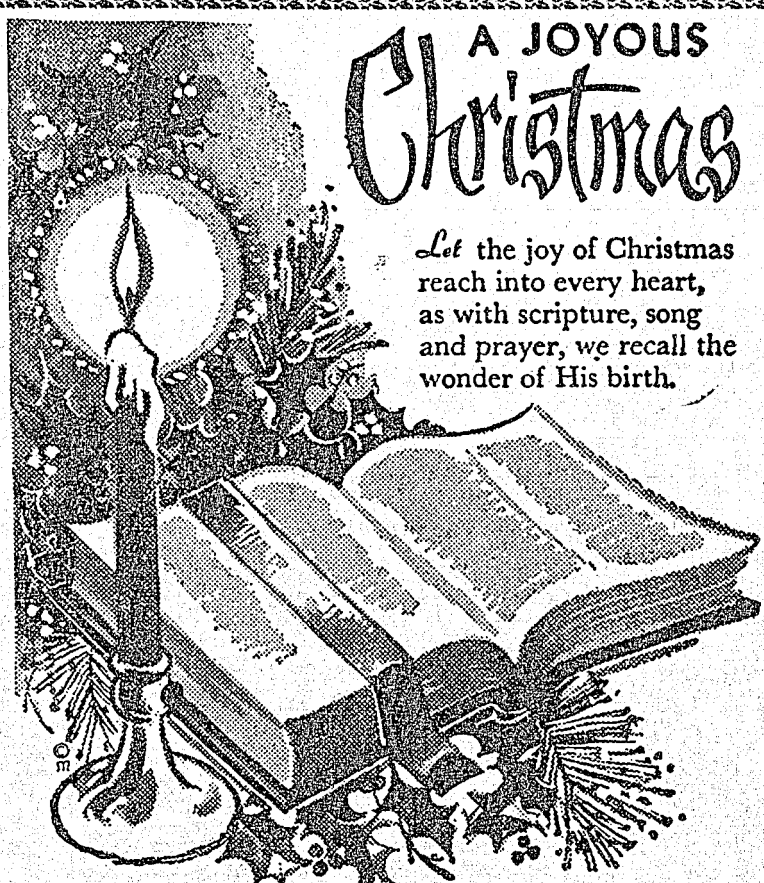
High Score

Thursday, Dec. 19, 1963, will be a day to remember for Mrs. Jennie Rowton, 2234 Ardwell Road, Sidney.

Bowling at Sidney Lanes that day, Mrs. Rowton rolled a three-game total of 618 points. Captain of the Maple Leafs team she was participating in the Christmas roll-off of the afternoon bowling league at the local alleys.

HEARD IN APRIL

Handel's "Messiah," often heard at the Christmas season, was begun in August, finished in September and first performed in April.



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Moviemakers who like their screen-fare light and breezy and loaded with laughs have a real holiday entertainment treat in store for them when Walt Disney's rollicking new romantic-comedy, "Bon Voyage," opens this Thursday at the Gem Theatre in Sidney.

Heading the cast of this excellent family feature are Fred MacMurray and Jane Wyman with Michael Callan, Deborah Whalley and Kevin Corcoran.

As the attractive American couple, Harry and Katie Willard, who take their three off-springs on a whirlwind European jaunt, MacMurray and Miss Wyman endow their roles with all the human qualities everyone expects of a pair of average parents. Some of the problems they encounter shouldn't happen to a tourist.

Bon Voyage will be shown at the Gem December 26, 27 and 28.

The Gem will bring 1001 adventures, thrills and sights to its screen on December 30, 31 and January 1 when "Captain Sinbad" will be featured.

This fantasy stars Guy Williams, Heidi Bruhl and Pedro Armendariz.

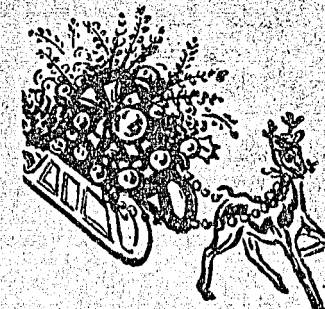
STUDENTS TAKE PART IN RECITAL AT DEEP COVE

The following students took part in a recital at a Christmas party held at the home of Mrs. Madeleine Till on December 14: piano, Mark Bourne, Judy Jakeman, Mark Anderson, Adele Jakeman, John Forge, Gaynor Masters, John Russell, Brenda Wilson, Timmy Lott, Susan Toye, Anna Stricker, Robin Bourne, Jane Buckle, Greg Russell, Jill Trelawny, Don Russell, Daphne Trelawny, Darlene Jack, Martha Tye.

SEASON'S Greetings

from

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Mr. Dodsworth

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Two school trustees of Saanich pressed with the dedication to duty evidenced in all phases of school administration and organization and I have considered it a privilege to have at least learned a good deal, although I feel I was not able to contribute to any degree."

Capt. J. F. Rowton had withdrawn his candidature in token of the impending incorporation of the section of North Saanich in which he resides.

Dr. Scholefield expressed a warm congratulations to his colleagues in his final letter.

"I did enjoy my brief sojourn with the board," he stated. "I was im-

CHICKENHOUSE TRANSFORMED

An old chickenhouse on the main drive of Galiano Lodge has been transformed into the manger where Christ was born. With large life-like figurines it depicts Joseph and Mary, with the baby Jesus in the manger, angels up above, the three Wise Men with their gifts of gold, myrrh and frankincense, and the Star of the East above all.

It is truly a work of art. Islanders are fortunate indeed to have talented people like Mr. and Mrs. Allen Clarke. They have spent many hours making this beautiful display, and all their island friends are cordially invited to drop by and view this scene of endless wonder. It is especially effective at night, when the cleverly hidden lights show it off to the best advantage.—M.B.

FULFORD

Beaver Point community had a wonderful Christmas get-together in the little community hall on Friday evening. Games were played, carols were sung and supper was enjoyed. Christmas greetings were exchanged by everyone. Miss Doris Anderson showed some excellent pictures.

Miss Helen Ruckle and G. Henry Ruckle, Jr., spent the Christmas week with their people at Beaver Point.

Mr. and Mrs. J. French, Jr., of Victoria, and three children, Mr. and Mrs. E. Fisher, and their three children, all are enjoying the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. French, Sr., in Burgoyne Valley.

The ice-breaker Camself arrived in Fulford on Thursday, with a helicopter, on board. Department of transport vessel anchored for a few minutes and then continued her journey out to sea.

SAANICHTON

Mrs. Doris Facey left on Thursday, Dec. 19, for Clearwater, B.C., where she will spend Christmas with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. Gore and grandson, David. She will leave Clearwater on the late train, night of December 25 and travel to Vancouver, and by bus to Powell River on Boxing Day, where she will visit her son-in-law and daughter, Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hunter and granddaughters, Linda, Karen, Miriam and Sandra, until after the New Year.

St. Mary's Sunday school party will be held on Friday, Dec. 27 at 7 p.m. in the church hall, Cultra Ave. Parents are asked to bring small cakes or cookies and everyone is welcome.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANK YOU, LADIES!

I think the people of Sidney might like to know about two ladies who carry the spirit of Christmas all through the year. One of these ladies, Mrs. Dixon, is over 80 years old and every day she knits and knits; the other lady, Mrs. Henley, sews the knitted strips together, backs them and ties them and they are then beautifully warm bed throws. These ladies have always given these throws to the Brownies so that they may have the honor of giving them to the Save the Children.

I would like through your paper to say to these two ladies and all others who work so hard to make other people happy, "Thank you, God bless you, and may you have a very merry Christmas."

DOROTHY J. THOMAS,
Sidney, B.C.,
Dec. 23, 1963.

Harold Brings Back His Trophy
Another Score For Popular Sidney Man

Harold Baldwin has returned from a hunting trip with his buck.

To many in Sidney Harold needs no introduction. He was acclaimed Bowler of the Year at Sidney Lanes on one occasion. He has also taken part in many community activities.

Harold's success as a bowler and a hunter as well as a highly esteemed member of the community would be a credit to any man. It is particularly so in his case because he is a polo victim.

Stricken while in high school, Harold has

fought a hard battle to continue a normal life in the face of a crippling blow, for he is obliged to use crutches in order to walk.

First and last a sportsman, every year he goes out with a group of hunters and sits it out. Rather than trailing his buck, he lets it trail him. Keeping perfectly still, he will await the sight of a deer and shoot from the sitting position.

This year's trip paid off. In the past Harold Baldwin has hoped for a trophy, but has not previously shot anything bigger than a duck. His buck will taste the better for the patience with which it was stalked.

MEMBERSHIP CLIMBS

Successful Year Reported Here For Sidney Pensioners

Past year was very successful both financially and numerically, members of Sidney Branch No. 25, Old Age Pensioners' Organization were told at the annual meeting in K. P. hall last Thursday. Ed. Tuttle presided over the well-attended meeting and welcomed many visitors.

In his annual report, Secretary Robert Thompson recalled the year had commenced with the annual dinner attended by 150 members. Membership of 215 increased to 277 during the year, said the secretary and average attendance at meetings was 90.

Mr. Thompson said the social part of the meetings was of a high order, considering members had to rely on voluntary assistance for entertainment that would appeal to the members. He noted that agreements were reached with a number of businesses, including Smith's Dental Laboratories, Scholefield Optical, Sidney Pharmacy and Wallace TV Service. The Saanich Peninsula and Gulf Islands Review was most helpful, he said. Visits were made to members who were patients in the following hospitals: Gorge Road, Jubilee, St.

WRONG COAT TAKEN AT DINNER

Someone in or around Sidney has an overcoat which does not belong to him. Guest at the Old Age Pensioners' Christmas dinner in St. Paul's church hall last Wednesday took the wrong coat by mistake. Coat may be returned to its owner through the secretary of the Sidney branch, at 2307 Amelia Ave.

Joseph's, Rest Haven, Veterans' and Little Paradise Rest Home. Large number of cards and flowers were also sent out during the year.

Representation was made to the village council for the installation of a comfort station in the new civic centre, and the branch was assured that it was intended to provide these facilities.

The president and secretary were successful in having social assistance buses adjusted to the satisfaction of the members. Finances were audited by D. W. Ruffe and Alan Calvert.

NEW OFFICERS

Executive named for 1964 is as follows: president, Ed. Tuttle; first vice-president, Samuel Voas; second vice-president, Henry Taylor; secretary, Robert Thompson; executive committee, Mrs. Jean Kastoff, Mrs. Sylvia Dear, Mrs. Winnifred Trent, Reginald Trent, Chas. Adsett, David Ritchie; auditor, A. Calvert; sick visitor, Mrs. Sylvia Dear; entertainment committee, Mrs. Netta Palmer and Mrs. Sylvia Dear; catering convener, Mrs. Sylvia Dear; hall committee, Tom Wallis, David Ritchie, Sam Gordon and Guy Powell.

GALIANO

Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Barner spent last Sunday in Victoria. When they returned home they brought Mrs. Barner's mother, Mrs. James Hough with them, who will visit them for some time.

Miss Derry Barner and Chris Barner have returned home from a holiday in Prince George. Among those spending last week-

Higher Rate Approved By Trustees

Increase in pay for substitute teachers was approved by Saanich School District on Friday evening when Trustee A. G. Campbell stated that the disparity between rates in this district and those paid in Greater Victoria was resulting in a dearth of substitute teachers here.

Dissentient vote was cast by Capt. J. F. Rowton.

end in Vancouver were Don Robson, the G. W. Georgesons, Jr., Mrs. J. F. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Clarke.

D. Barnes and Mrs. F. L. Barnes, of Victoria, spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. George Newton.

His many friends will be sorry to hear that Hubert Pelzer is still under the weather, and has just returned from Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Lawrence and Miss J. Eaton have left on their "annual family tour". They will spend Christmas with their daughter and family in Kirkland, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown, of the Portlier Pass Lighthouse, are enjoying their annual holiday in Victoria, where they are guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Slater. In their absence, Harry Baines, Jr., is the relief lightkeeper.

Mrs. G. A. Bell and son, Greig, have left to spend Christmas with her eldest daughter and her family, Mrs. Bob Gabara, in Merritt.

PROVIDE INFORMATION

One of the prime objectives of the Canadian Arthritis Society is to provide patients and the public with information about rheumatic diseases and the need for prompt treatment.

Enthusiastic Welcome In Sidney For Christmas Ship

—Jaycees Score Hit

Hundreds of youngsters and their parents gave an enthusiastic welcome to the Bellingham Jaycees Christmas Ship "Karluk" when it docked at Sidney wharf last Saturday afternoon.

Long line of children quickly formed to tell Santa their last minute Christmas wishes and receive gifts of comics, candy and toys, while clowns juggled and juggled through the crowd which gathered on the end of the wharf. Carols were played from the decorated vessel which carried Santa and his helpers to Sidney and Gulf and San Juan Islands ports.

REACTIONS

There were smiles, frowns, no comments and near tears from the children when they approached old St. Nick but most responded when they were given the various gifts. Entertaining were Bellingham Jaycee Charles Choate, a speech therapist, whose clown performance delighted the children last year, and Seattle teacher Roger Dollard, an accomplished juggler and unicyclist. Both men appear as Seattle Seafair Clowns each year.

Three Jaycees from North Surrey travelled with the Bellingham ship to help spread Christmas cheer through the islands. It was the second trip for President Paul Nielsen and his son, John, and the first for Dave Hjerpe. Also helping was a national director of the Jaycees in the United States, K. L. (Ken) McFarlen, of Seattle.

WARM RECEPTION

Reception at all ports was very warm, said Mr. Hjerpe, who was fascinated particularly by the children's reactions to Santa Claus. Before arriving in Sidney, the Karluk

had called at Blakely, Lopez, Shaw and Orcas Islands. It was to rendezvous with a similar ship, the Blue Fjord, manned by Victoria Jaycees, in Ganges harbor where both vessels were to spend the night prior to completing their tours on Sunday.

This was the first year Sidney had been included in the schedule of the Christmas Ship, the idea for which originated in 1951. The project has gained world-wide recognition for its spreading of international goodwill.

Spirit of the Christmas Ship was summed up in a "ship's log" distributed at each stop: "Santa and his Jaycee helpers are here to make your Christmas even merrier; while the gifts are small, our wishes are warm, and it is our hope that the extra touch of Christmas cheer we bring will help to make the season a memorable one for you."

The Weather

The following is the meteorological report for the week ending December 22, furnished by the Dominion Experimental Station:

Maximum tem. (Dec. 22) 49
Minimum tem. (Dec. 17-18) 33
Minimum on the grass 29
Precipitation (inches) 3.31
1963 precipitation (inches) 32.22
Sunshine (hours) 1.5

SIDNEY

Supplied by the meteorological division, Department of Transport, for the week ending December 22:

Maximum tem. (Dec. 20) 50
Minimum tem. (Dec. 18) 29
Mean temperature 42.1
Precipitation (inches) 2.61
1963 precipitation (inches) 31.15

Weekly Tide Table

(Calculated at Fulford)
These times are Pacific Standard

Dec. 27— 3.46 a.m. 9.9
Dec. 27— 7.20 a.m. 9.1
Dec. 27—12.52 p.m. 11.7
Dec. 27— 8.40 p.m. 2.0
Dec. 28— 4.46 a.m. 10.9
Dec. 28— 8.36 a.m. 9.8
Dec. 28— 1.27 p.m. 11.7
Dec. 28— 9.21 p.m. 1.1
Dec. 29— 5.35 a.m. 11.6
Dec. 29— 9.49 a.m. 10.1
Dec. 29— 2.06 p.m. 11.5
Dec. 29—10.03 p.m. 0.5
Dec. 30— 6.20 a.m. 12.1
Dec. 30—10.54 a.m. 10.2
Dec. 30— 2.50 p.m. 11.3
Dec. 30—10.45 p.m. 0.3
Dec. 31— 7.02 a.m. 12.4
Dec. 31—11.58 a.m. 10.0
Dec. 31— 3.37 p.m. 10.9
Dec. 31—11.29 p.m. 0.5

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Regret at his leaving was expressed to Councillor P. F. Warren by fellow members of Central Saanich council last week at the last meeting of the year. Said one, "If it wasn't for Pete Warren, water probably wouldn't have come to Central Saanich for another four years."

Reeve R. G. Lee noted that in 10 years as an elected representative of Central Saanich residents, Councillor Warren had received only

TWO MEETINGS PER MONTH APPROVED

By-law authorizing two meetings per month was approved by Central Saanich council last week. Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month commencing at 8 p.m.

By-law was prepared on the unanimously-approved motion of Councillor A. Vickers, who noted that meetings were regularly running overtime. The by-law will take effect in January.

\$450 in remuneration for his expenses.

The veteran councillor was defeated in the December municipal elections by Philip F. Benn, of Brentwood.

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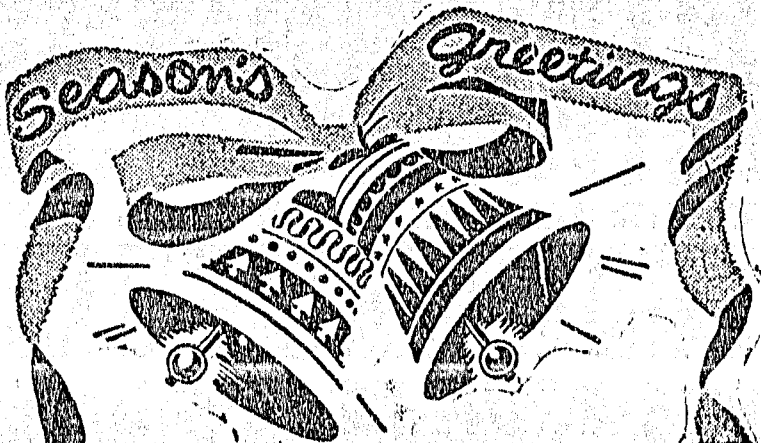
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Saanich Peninsula and Gulf Islands REVIEW Second Section

ANDREW BRYANT

Know Your Teacher ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Introduction To School

Andrew Bryant, teacher at Claremont senior secondary school and president of the Saanich Teachers' Association, lives with his wife and son in Brentwood.

Mr. Bryant accepts teaching as a full time career. In his school he teaches History 91, English 91, and boys' physical education. As a sports enthusiast, during and after school hours he coaches many school teams, including soccer, basketball, softball, rugby and track.

During this era of change in education, Mr. Bryant served on a committee of the B.C. Teachers' Federation to draft a new membership plan for teachers, with the ultimate aim of having teachers control their profession in regard to entrance qualifications and subsequent satisfactory performance of duties.



ANDREW BRYANT

SUBDIVISIONS

VILLAGE TO FOLLOW PLAN WHEN AREA COMPLETED

Subdivision plan for the village of Sidney provides for an orderly development of the land within the village boundaries. Prepared by the Capital Region Planning Board, the plan calls for a minimum of through-traffic routes and provision of park areas within new subdivisions.

Village council has not yet adopted the plan. So far the board's drawings cover the southern section of Sidney. Under preparation is a subdivision plan for the new area to the north. Upon its completion and approval by the village it is expected that the entire plan will be adopted.

In the meantime the council has approved a policy of following the general plan as closely as possible.

New extension to the Maryland subdivision follows the same general plan by the introduction of a series of cul-de-sac roads traffic is prevented from running through the development at speed. The program calls for the maximum degree of

—Master Plan Prepared
safety for youngsters and others within the development.

Owners of property within the village will be shown the overall plan when they seek to divide their properties and only in special cases will individual projects be permitted.

The planning board has introduced the master plan in an effort to ensure that all developments follow the same general pattern, instead of achieving a number of independent, self-contained projects.

Tackling School Problems Before His Three Children

—New Trustee

New North Saanich school trustee, Bernard H. B. Atkins is tackling today's educational problems before his own children. Mr. Atkins, aged 35 and the father of three pre-school children, was elected by acclamation to the board of trustees of School District 63, Saanich, last month.

He is a photographer with the department of recreation and conservation and has been photo editor of the highly-acclaimed Beautiful B.C. magazine almost since it was first produced.

Born in England, he has lived with his family in the Sidney area for the past two years at 1890 Mills Cross Road. He came out to Victoria from England in 1940 and was a student at the old Brentwood College, where he ran a camera class for three years. His father was a Fleet St. photographer in London.

Mr. Atkins has been employed by the provincial government for the

past 17 years. Much of his work is involved with the production of motion pictures.

Lack of interest of the majority of parents of young children prompted the photographer to enter his name for the election.

"Too many people like to sit back and criticize what others are doing for their children," said Mr. Atkins. "It is the responsibility of the younger parents, who have children in or going to school, to participate in the administration of school affairs."

In January, Mr. Atkins will take the chair vacated by Capt. J. F. Rowton, who is withdrawing at the end of this year.

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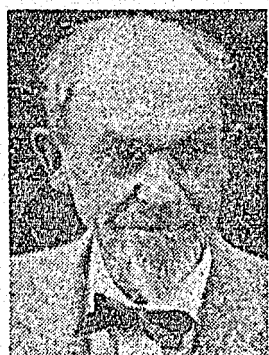
Joy of Christmas will be conveyed by bells of St. Andrew's Anglican Church on Christmas Eve from 5-5.30 p.m.

The bell ringers, under their captain, S. A. Kirk, expect to play the following selections: "Hark, a Herald Voice," Merton; "Jesus Came," St. Thomas (tantum ergo);

Highest and lowest temperatures recorded at Dawson Creek are 95 deg. F. and -73 deg. F.

Peals, Stedman's Triples, part 1; "Joy to the World," Antroch; "The First Nowell," 17th Century carol; Peals, Stedman's, part II; "Unto Us," Puer nobis nascitur; "Good Christian Men," In dulci jubilo; peals, Stedman's triples, "There is a Name," Sympathy, and "Thou Didst Leave Thy Home," Margaret. All ringers are requested to attend a practice on Saturday, Dec. 28, at 11 a.m., for the New Year ring.

A BEARD ABROAD



ED. KETCHAM

Some Views On
Strange Ports Of Call
By THE OLD GULF ISLANDER

INSTALMENT VIII HONG KONG—Part II

On another day we returned to Aberdeen by daylight to get some pictures — and on a bus and what an experience that bus ride was!

Wouldn't have missed it for anything: jam-packed with Orientals and two Gulf Islanders. The 30-minute ride started from another part of Victoria and wound along and up through narrow, crooked streets for what seemed miles. Then we came out into comparatively open country along the mountain-side. Finally we turned a corner and there, below us, was the floating village of junks and sampans.

After walking around the shops briefly we took a sampan for a 20-minute "tour" and found to our amazement there was a certain pattern, albeit a crazy patch-work pattern, to the whole layout, as our women oarsmen wound in and out of definite 'avenues' through the

Ed. Ketcham, retired railroadman turned writer, has left with Mrs. Ketcham on a year's cruise to strange lands. They are well known residents of Galiano Island. Mr. Ketcham will send back to The Review each week a lively account of his travels which are certain to entertain his readers.

thousands of vessels afloat here.

A word here about these sampans and junks: whole families live on them. The sampan is small and propelled by a long oar pivoted on the port side at the stern; the paddle end is always in the water; the other end operated from amidships and attached to the roof framework by a rope. The paddler swings rhythmically to and fro and, with each swing, turns the oar about 90 degrees which gives the water end a propulsion effect. The paddler is assisted by another in the bow who has a shorter oar which is used for paddling, rowing or shoving away from other craft when need arises — which it does constantly in such close quarters.

The junk is larger, solidly built with a high and wide stern which accommodates the galley and sleeping requirements — sometimes for several families. The midships and bow space is for cargo. They are propelled by the large, picturesque sails and carry the usual two oars described above for propulsion when the wind fails.

TIGER BALM

From Aberdeen we took a taxi to the Tiger Balm Gardens with all of the statues of animals, birds, fairyland creatures — and statues and pagodas, all built by a Chinese businessman who made millions selling his 'Tiger Balm' salve to all of the Eastern peoples except his fellow countryman, the Chinese. His name was Aw Boon Haw and he was obsessed with the notion that as long as he kept on building his garden he would never die. So he just kept on building and building and building and died at 84.

Madge wrote in her 'Magical Diary' that it was "worth seeing although almost a nightmare." The Chinese didn't have to buy the stuff as they don't believe in medicine because Buddha heals everything.

wrote Madge. "Almost a nightmare."

Another day, while slumming down in the ladder-street district we decided to rise above our mundane existence (of the moment) so jumped in a taxi and hid ourselves to the Peak Tram Station and for 60c Hong Kong (11c U.S.) we boarded a tram which goes up the mountain behind Hong Kong to an elevation of 1,800 ft., stopping at various levels en route to discharge or take on passengers living on the mountainside.

Each way takes about 15 minutes and, needless to say, the view from the top is breath-taking: Victoria at our feet and beyond, the harbour, Kowloon and the New Territories — and Red China. What a sight!

TAILOR SHOPS

Everywhere in Hong Kong and Kowloon were the tailor shops — principally Chinese and Indian tailors. Their shops are stocked to the rafters with fabrics of all kinds — from Japanese silks to British wools. Suits for men run from \$25 (U.S.) up — "fancy your custom as your purse will buy." Pearls and jade are good buys in the Colony. Cameras and transistors of all kinds keep the men buyers agog.

But let's get back to "that old gang of mine" — the Philippine Mail gang. We had reservations and booked in at the Miramar Hotel; the Currans and Camps at the (nearby) Palm Court Hotel, both on the Kowloon side; the Thompsons stayed with the ship for her return to Seattle; the Doremus' went to the new Mandarin Hotel on the Hong Kong side and "the girls," Fran and Rene, stayed with friends, the Meaghers out on Stanley Road, not far from Repulse Bay.

Several days after our arrival the girls phoned and asked us out to the Meaghers for cocktails and to meet their hosts, so we teamed up with the Currans and the Doremus' and went out. Unfortunately, Mr. Meagher had just been sent to Saigon to cover the military coup which was taking place there (he is foreign correspondent for the Los Angeles Times). But Mrs. Meagher was charming and entertained us royally in their very lovely home.

CHINESE OPERA

Another evening we went to the Doremus', with the Currans, in their luxurious quarters in the Mandarin. Their balconied room was about 12 stories up and looked down on the harbour, which was very glamorous with the night lighting framing the picture.

From there we went on to the Mandarin Room of the Miramar Hotel for supper and the exotic floor show featuring the "Chinese Opera," which wasn't 'opera' at all as we use the word, but was a revue of native costumes, dancing and singing. We ordered 'Peking Duck,' served in the multi-course Chinese style.

But — enough, enough! A thousand words instead of a thousand words would not suffice to describe the Hong Kong we saw in our meagre six days there.

Leaving Kowloon, as our stay there drew to a close, we were accompanied on the wallah wallah by the Currans, the girls and Mrs. Meagher, who all came out with us to inspect our new ship and toast our goodbyes. The Currans, we shall meet again in Singapore as they follow us in a few days. The Doremus' and the girls, we hope to meet again on our Pacific Coast. So now, again we are on our own, sailing down the South China Sea to SINGAPORE.

(To be continued)

Toll No Peals At Christmas!

Tolls, peals, and rings of bells are completely separate styles of ringing to a campanologist. Difference between the three types of rings was explained last week by the bell captain at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Sidney, S. A. Kirk.

In campanology terms, said Mr.

Kirk, a "toll" is a slow stroke used at funerals, or a single bell. A "peal" is a set piece using all eight (or 10) bells such as "Stedman's Triples." A "ring" is a "work meeting" of part or all of the ringers.

Another term often confused with bell ringing, "chimes," is properly applied to clocks, said Mr. Kirk.

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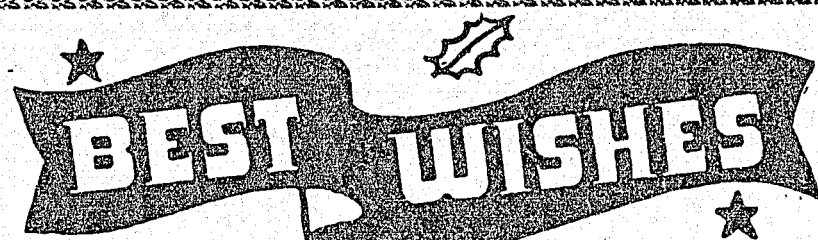
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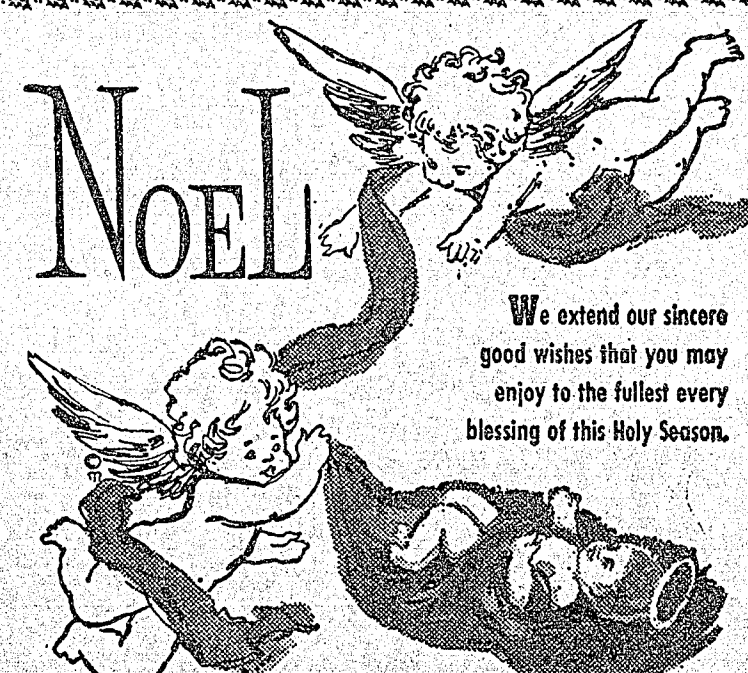
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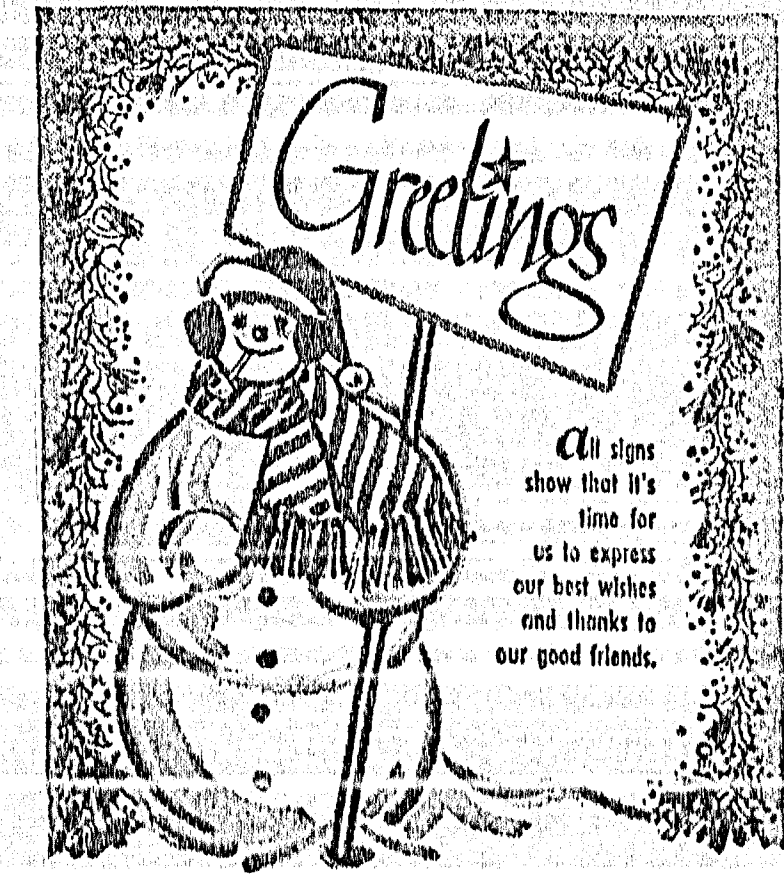
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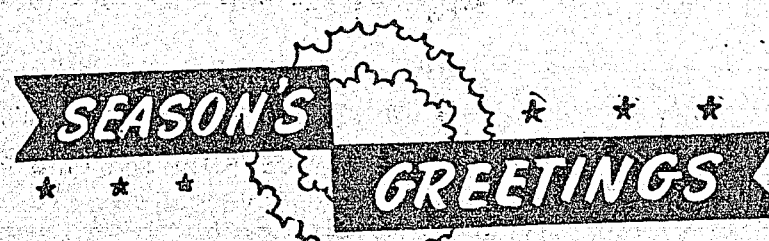
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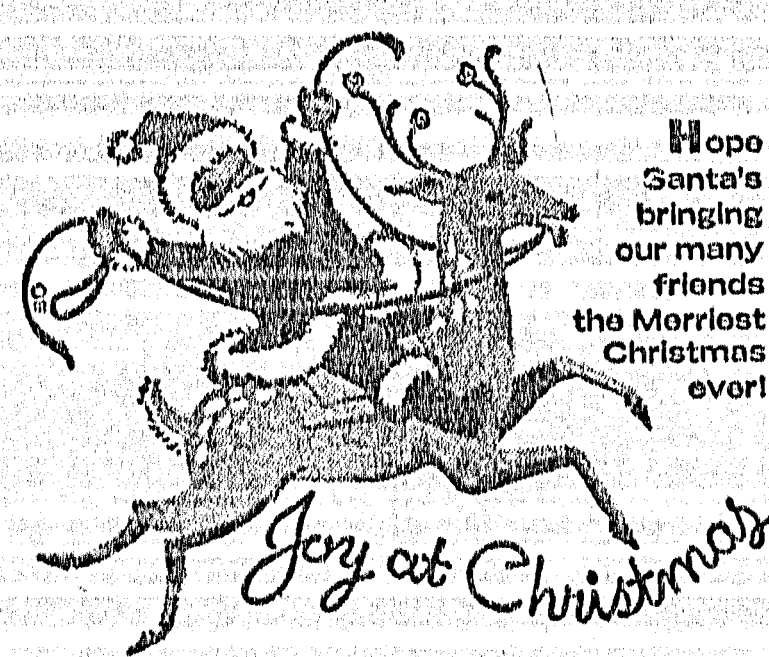


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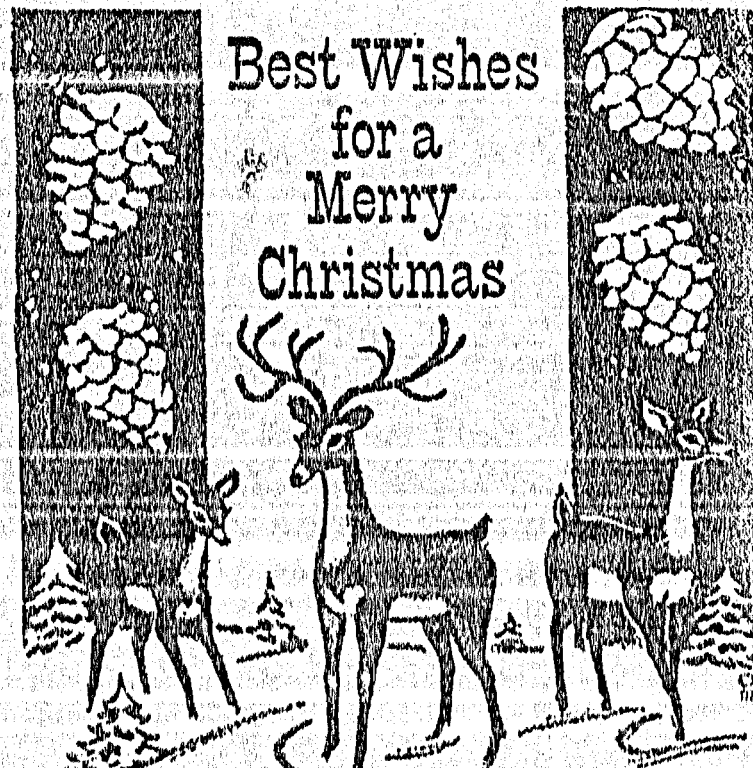
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By DORIS LEEDHAM HOBBS

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The ritual was always the same, each morning, "Have you fed the gull?" Later, as we passed the period of mere acquaintance, he became "Gulliver", and, as such was known to all the children who passed my house on the way to school. That gull (or a facsimile as the box-top competitions state) became a family friend.

"Perhaps he is a female gull," ends of the loaves find their way to

suggested someone, a doubt which gave us thought and we christened him "My Gull Sundae" after a current radio story.

Soon, however, he was back to Gulliver, and so he has remained. He soon learned to come down from his point of vantage in response to the cry in a high pitched voice "Here you are. Here you are".

Sometimes, a slender gull accompanies him but she (I am sure it is a lady gull) is far too timid to breakfast with her mate, and there is no such thing as "ladies first" in gull society. She waits for the scraps left on the grass and gravel which he leaves.

Bread is the staple diet so all the

the gull's breakfast. If we are kind, the hard crusts are soaked, otherwise, he wrestles with the knobby angular bits and has to perform positive gymnastics to get them down. What a lot a single gull can consume!

Yes, I know he visits other people in the neighborhood, perhaps for a snack, but for the most important meal of the day . . . breakfast, he comes to me. He's my Gull!

BRENTWOOD

Baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. D. Brown, of Wallace Drive, on Friday, Dec. 13, at Royal Jubilee Hospital. Marcia Louise is a sister for 18-month-old Marcus. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. M. Hanson, Brentwood, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Brown, of Blythe, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Molyneux, of Harding Lane, are spending a few days in Vancouver visiting with friends. They will return home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Rod Davies and daughter, Mary Elizabeth, who have been residing on Brentwood Drive, have now taken up residence in their new home on Hagan Road.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Clarke, Benvenuto Avenue, had their granddaughter, Fay, spending a holiday with them. Fay returned to her home in Calgary in time to spend Christmas there.

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CENTRAL SAANICH MRS. HAROLD SIMPSON HEADS UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Annual meeting of the Brentwood U.C.W. was held at the home of Mrs. Ron Morrison recently, when

11 members were present. Mrs. E. A. Morrison took the devotional period.

The annual financial report showed a satisfactory balance and members agreed to send donations to The United Church Home for Girls, Union College Auxiliary and John Milton Society. Little gifts will be taken at Christmas time to older members and shut-ins and early in the year a cheque will be given to the Board of Stewards of the church.

Members decided to send a subscription, for a year, for the United Church book, "The Upper Room." These will be available at the church after the Sunday morning services.

Tentative plans were made for a rummage sale to be held in Victoria at the end of March or the beginning of April.

It was reported that the luncheon and bazaar had been a success and the president thanked those who assisted.

Election of officers took place and Mrs. Harold Simpson was re-elected president; vice-president, Mrs. Ron.

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GENERAL LIST

The General List includes all officers (generals, brigadiers and colonels) of the general staff.

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There are no non-commissioned members in the General List.

They are allied to no particular corps but instead wear the Royal Coat of Arms, designed to represent Canada.

The motto "A Mari Usque Ad Mare" (From Sea to Sea) alludes to Canada extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

St. Mary's Names New Year's Officers

Annual meeting of St. Mary's W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. C. N. Whipple, December 3. Thirteen members were present. Rev. O. L. Foster took the chair and a slate of officers, presented by Mrs. Whipple, was elected: Mrs. Foster, honorary president; Mrs. Chapman, president; Mrs. Whipple, vice-president; Mrs. Turner, secretary; Mrs. Palmer, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Wishart, treasurer and Mrs. Akers, social service.

Mrs. Goodwin, new diocesan president, will be invited to the February meeting. Money was voted to the Sunday school Christmas party.

Mrs. Atken reported on the carpet for the sanctuary, and Mrs. Chapman will order it in time for Christmas if possible.

Mr. Foster closed the meeting with prayer. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Whipple.

ROYAL OAK W.I. NAMES OFFICERS AFTER PARTY

Royal Oak Women's Institute met for the Christmas party and luncheon in the W.I. hall on Wednesday,

Morrison; secretary, Mrs. R. E. Hindley; treasurer, Mrs. G. Bickford; devotional convener, Mrs. D. H. Bryce; manse committee, Mrs. R. Morrison; visiting committee, Mrs. C. Johnston and Mrs. R. E. Hindley.

Monthly meetings will in future be held in the evenings at 7.30. The time was changed with the hope that more would join the organization and attend the meetings. First meeting of the new year will be held on Thursday evening, Jan. 9, at the home of Mrs. R. E. Hindley on Hagan Road.

Refreshments were served after the close of the meeting by co-hostesses Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Hindley.

DECREASE APPROVED
By-law decreasing the minimum fine for infraction of commercial licensing regulations from \$25 to \$10 was approved by Central Saanich council last week.

Dec. 11, Mrs. A. Ingram pronounced the W.I. grace and 26 members sat down to a turkey dinner. Traditional exchange of gifts between members followed.

The annual meeting then took place with the following elected: president, Mrs. Jean MacGregor; secretary, Mrs. W. Cudmore; treasurer, Mrs. Ingram; director, Mrs. Webb.

Mrs. Catherine Clark reported on the history group's "Royal Oak Recollections", and there was discussion on the preparation of it for entry in the Tweedsmuir Cup competition. Reports of the various conveners were accepted.

Afternoon closed with a showing of slides by Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Whenton of a three-month holiday across Canada to Nova Scotia.

MANY TIMES throughout the scriptures God urges His people to rejoice and be glad, and I am sure he wants us to be no less happy this Christmas season.



However, while we are rejoicing, I am sure He would want us to keep in mind that without Christ there would be no Christmas, and no knowledge of a Loving Heavenly Father or eternal Life . . . But because God has given us His Son we can rejoice and be glad that light has come into the world—and every light that decorates every Christmas tree shines out the story that Christ is the true light of Christmas.

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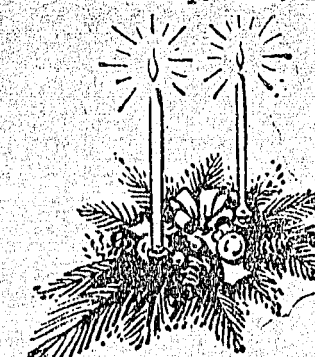
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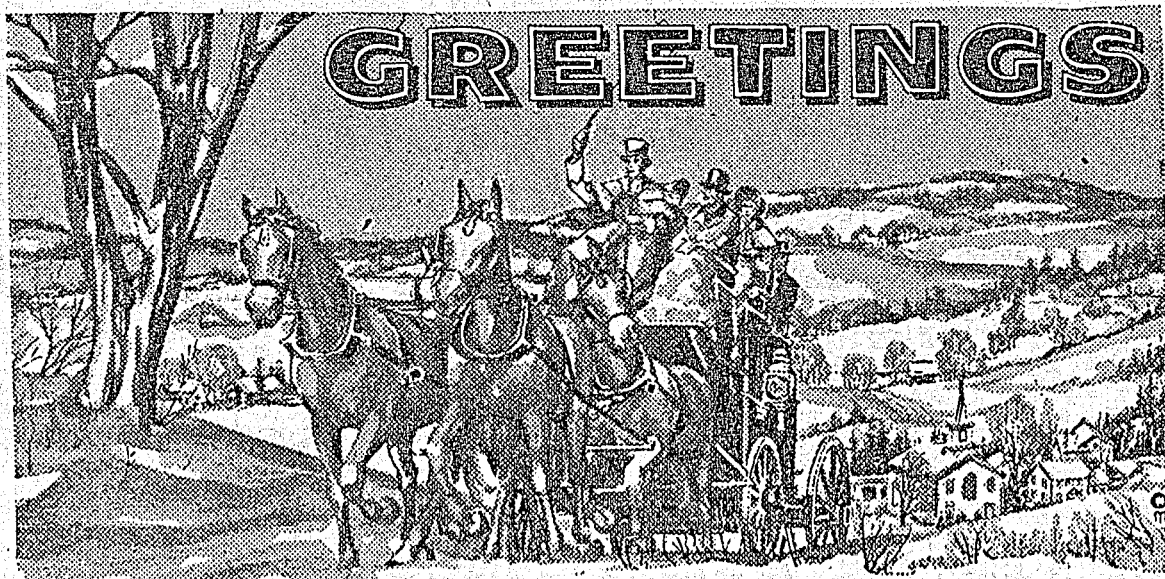
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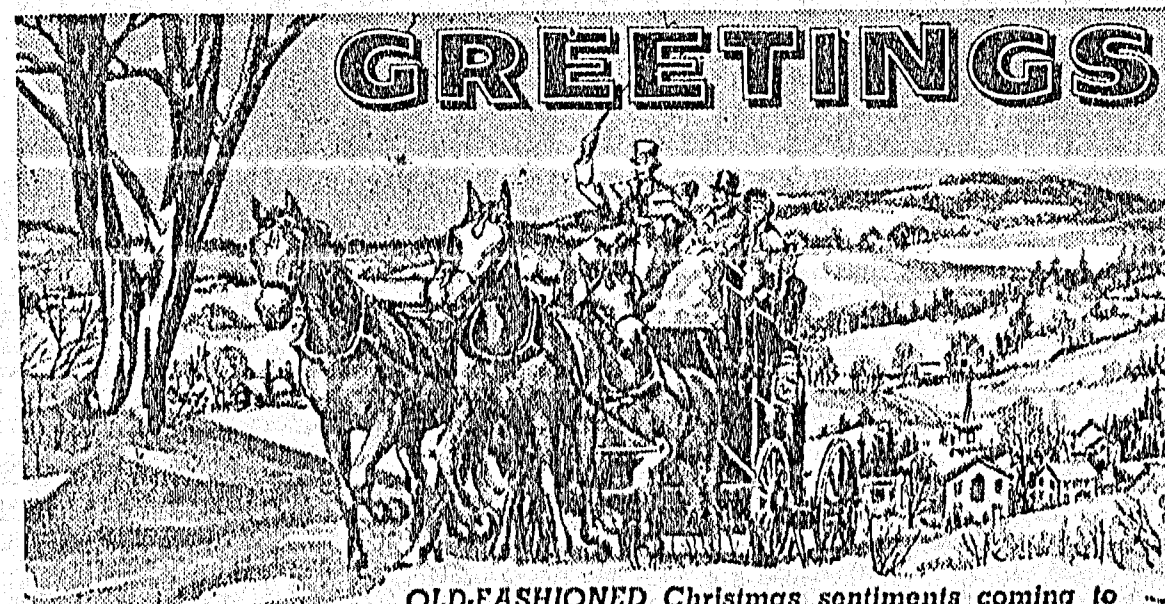
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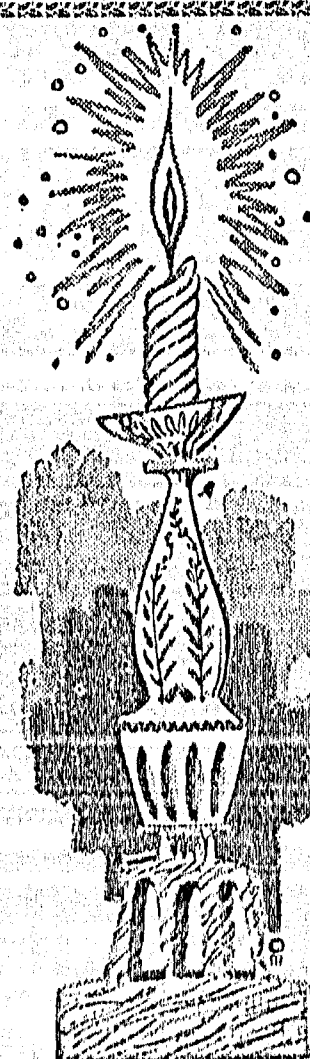
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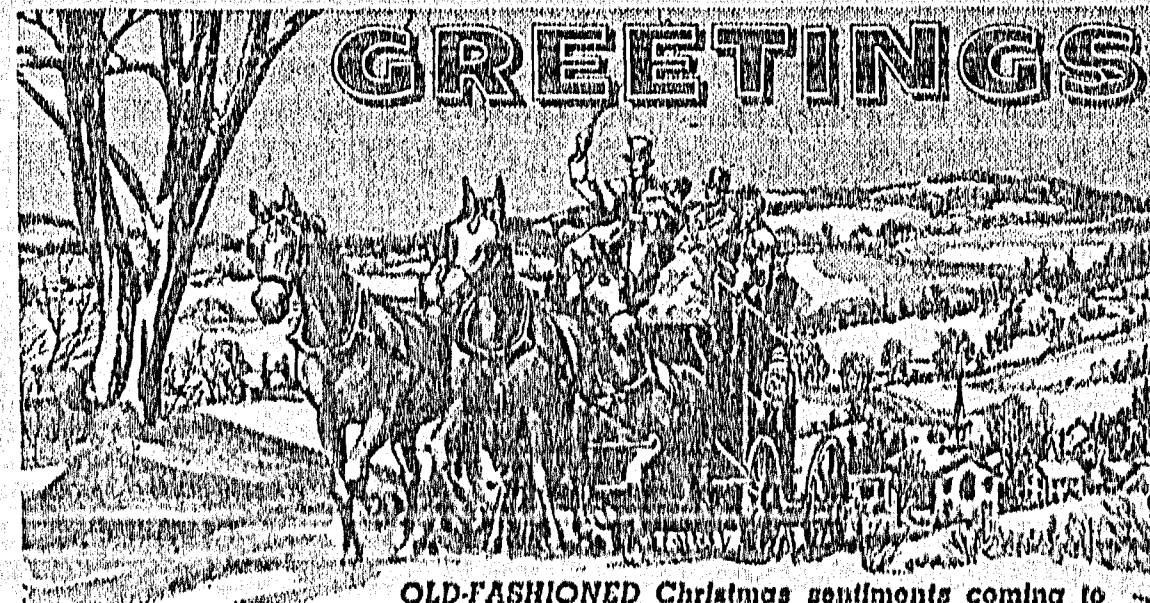


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Ganges Boy Elected To "Parliament"

Brian Rogers, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rogers, Ganges, following nomination by the Young People's Bible Class, has been elected member of the Older Boys' Parliament which will meet from December 27-31 in the Provincial parliament buildings, Victoria.

The parliament, which is comprised of boys from 16 to 20 years of age, follows parliamentary procedure with a premier, government and opposition and speaker of the house. The part of lieutenant-governor is taken by one of the Christian education leaders of the co-operating churches. Matters relating to the young men and their church and faith are discussed, and

GERMAN SHEPHERDS SCORE HIGH

German shepherd dogs were the stars in the Salt Spring Island Dog Obedience Club trials held recently in Central Hall. Nine canines were tested by Mrs. Margaret Best, Chemainus, following 12 lessons in obedience training.

Three dogs graduated — Sheba, German shepherd owned by S. R. Collicutt, received 182 out of a possible 200 points; King, German shepherd owned by Mrs. H. F. Chubb earned 178 points and Louis, a beagle belonging to W. B. Shaw was awarded 175 points. Another course is scheduled to commence in the spring.

decisions are taken upon matters of interest and concern to the boys in church and community.

Brian is a student in the Salt Spring School and a member of Ganges United Church.

THE GULF ISLANDS

SERVICE STATION MOVED

Ganges residents were intrigued, last week, in witnessing the removal, by Heaney's of Victoria, of the Shell service station which has stood on the corner opposite the Ganges cenotaph for more than 20 years.

The two-story building was transported in its entirety to a vacant lot down the road, where it will be put to some practical use by its owner, Alex McManus.

Work has already commenced on construction of a new, modern gas station on the old site which, according to owner-manager Alex McManus, should be completed before the end of January, 1964. Grant Cruickshank is the contractor. The new building will contribute immeasurably to the "new look" daily becoming more evident in the village of Ganges.

Meanwhile, service is given as usual at the gas pumps and in the improvised office quarters located in a trailer.

PREPARED TO DO IT OVER AGAIN

Mrs. Earle Hardie reported on the

marathon bridge tournament now concluded, and stated willingness of herself and Mrs. Ed. Richardson, as conveners, to organize another tournament in the New Year. Mrs. Hardie was addressing H.M.S. Ganges Chapter, I.O.D.E., on Tuesday evening at the United Church hall.

Over \$60 was voted towards Korean and overseas relief funds and other I.O.D.E. objectives.

January and February meetings will be held on the second Saturday of the month, in the afternoon to enable all members to be present for the nomination and election of officers. Mrs. F. K. Parker and Mrs. J. H. Laurie will be in charge of the talent tables for January and February respectively.

Following the meeting tea was served by Mrs. M. Fellows, who was also in charge of the talent table.

GANGES

RE-ELECTED BY ANGLICAN W.A. AT GANGES

Re-elected to office at the annual meeting of the Anglican W.A. held recently in the parish hall, Ganges, were: honorary president, Mrs. E. J. Leech; president, Mrs. E. Worthington; first vice-president, Mrs. Walter Norton; second vice-president, Mrs. Eric Faure; secretary, Mrs. W. M. Palmer. Mrs. G. H. Holmes is past president. Mrs. N. A. Howland was elected treasurer and will replace Mrs. Harold Price who has retired following 15 years in that office.

Mrs. J. H. Laurie was elected educational secretary and Mrs. V. L. Jackson extra cents convener. Others returned to office were: Mrs. H. Ashby, Dorcas secretary; Mrs. A. W. Barber, sewing convener; Mrs. W. H. Saunders, thank offerings; Mrs. E. Faure, living message; Mrs. G. H. Laundry, tea convener. Mrs. E. Adams will be asked to serve as prayer partner.

An invitation will be extended to the Diocesan Board to hold their June meeting on Salt Spring Island. Mrs. H. Ashby reported that, assisted by the Vesuvius Circle W.A., knitted garments valued at \$124 have been forwarded to Diocesan headquarters in Victoria. The treasurer reported receipt of \$3.62 from the extra cents convener, and \$59.41 in thankofferings from the St. Andrew's Day service. A budget of approximately \$900 has been handled by the Association over the past year. A donation was made for the children's party to be held in January.

New officers will be installed at a special ceremony in St. George's Church.

Large Crowd At Turkey Shoot
A large crowd turned out for the Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club's third turkey shoot of the season, Sunday, but heavy rain in the afternoon curtailed the scheduled number of shoots.

Michael Morris, who came to Victoria for the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Florence Borradale, returned home to Smithers following a visit of several days with relatives at Ganges.

Marshall Heinekey, who is in charge of the laboratory at the Portage Dam, Hudson Hope, Peace River, is spending two weeks visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Heinekey, Vesuvius Bay. Also home for the Christmas vacation is his younger brother, Shane, who attends Shurpass College, Vancouver.

Joyce Carroll, a student at Kent University, Ohio, has arrived to spend Christmas and New Year with her father, Campbell Carroll and Mrs. Carroll, Beddis Road.

GANGES C.G.I.T. PARTICIPATE IN SERVICE

Annual nation-wide traditional candlelighting-veesper service of Canadian Girls in Training took place on December 15 in Ganges United Church. Nineteen girls of the local group participated, 11 of their 50,000 sister members across Canada, in the impressive service.

A large Christmas tree, topped with a large silver star occupied one corner of the church. Mrs. J. A. Tomlinson was at the organ and the senior choir was in attendance. The service was led by senior girl, Louise Lorentsen, assisted by CGIT leaders Miss Mary Corbett and Mrs. C. W. Archer. The theme of the service was "For such a time as this."

Senior girls sang the invocation and a Christmas carol and bible reading was taken by the intermediate girls. Candle-lighters were seniors, Linda Archer, Jean Bennett and Marilyn Bridgen. Collection will go to the Christian Education Council of Canadian Girls in Training.

Bridge Finalists

Finalists in Class B of the marathon bridge tournament, arranged by HMS Ganges Chapter, IODE, were H. J. Carlin and Nels Westin who defeated Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morris.

Class A winners, previously announced, were Mrs. T. J. Sharland and Mrs. A. Jobin. The chapter plans to hold another tournament in the New Year.

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CONVERSATION PIECE

Christmas Transcends All Spurious Considerations

By DORIS LEEDHAM HOBBS

A new idea has entered into our

Christmas card sending.

Now, besides sending the traditional greetings to our friends, we find ourselves pledged to support all sorts of societies for the betterment of mankind . . . a widening of our sympathies. I, with, I expect, most of you, have already received cards bearing the names of a variety of international welfare societies: U.N.I.C.E.F., the United Nations Children's Fund; the Refugee Adoption Society of Victoria, with its lovely card with the Cicimara flowers; the English United Nations Children's Fund, and, today, comes yet another, this time one which brings a smile. It is of a small brown baby marching along and balancing on his head a plate with a large holly-sprigged plum pudding. "The Plum Pudding-Picannin" specially designed for the Institute of Race Relations, and sold in aid of the South Africa Institute, Johannesburg.

Surely all this exchange of goodwill must have a valuable result! Most of us received the cards done by handicapped artists, through Rehband Ltd. and felt rather put on the spot!

One is glad to hear that, in that commercial enterprise, the men who painted those cards with mouth or feet did get at least 70 per cent of the take in. Personally, I like to choose special cards for special friends.

The lovely Christmas message be-

Winners were: 1, Louis Lorentsen; 2, Pete Frattinger, Mac Mout; 3, Jack Reynolds; 4 (lucky shoot), L. Lorentsen, Mac Mout; 5, Mrs. Margaret Frattinger; 6, Don Reynolds, Bill Sampson; 7, Gavin Reynolds, Mac Mout; 8, P. Frattinger; 9 (balloon shoot), Mac Mout.

Next shoot will be held on December 29.

Delighted, she plucked an armful and hastened to the infant. The caress of His fingers turned the petals pink.

Botanists class the Christmas

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comes obscure with so many de-

mands.

Those who enjoy delving into the

origins of our customs will soon

find that the celebrations surround-

ing the winter solstice, a December

festival, has merged into our

Christian feasts. When this paper

is published we shall have passed

the shortest day, always a reason

for rejoicing, with its promise of

lengthening days and the coming of

spring.

The great festival of fire and

light, shown in the Yule logs, the

candles, the green boughs, the col-

oured decorations, were all swept

into the Christian celebration of

Our Lord's birth, and the old sun-

worship was superseded by the

worship of the Holy Child.

Christmas gifts, symbolizing the

gifts brought to the Babe, as He lay

in the manger at Bethlehem, are of

course, meant primarily for the

children; but when we older folk

gather at Christmastide gifts show

our love and affection, and our

. . . Continued on Page Five.

CHRISTMAS ROSE IS A BUTTERCUP

Blooming in the heart of winter

and sometimes even in the snow,

the Christmas rose is a plant

famed in legend.

According to an old story, a poor

little shepherdess had no gift to

offer the Christ Child, and so she

wept. When her tears touched the

ground, flowers sprouted.

Delighted, she plucked an arm-

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No Two Lands Mark Christmas In Same Manner

Different Customs Are Traditional In Other Places

Though Christmas comes but once a year, there is certainly no one and only way to celebrate it. In addition to the many customs that are generally shared — lights, bells, trees, gifts, Santa, prayer and feasting — the special ways of observing the holiday are as varied and numerous as the communities and families involved.

Often the history and culture of a community is the inspiration for the way it celebrates Christmas. In other cases the "customs" are consciously developed, in an effort to express the spirit of the season. It doesn't take long for these community projects to become well-

loved, even "old-fashioned" traditions. Volumes could be filled with an account of interesting community Christmases, each of them different. A few are summarized below.

"SANTA'S LAND, U.S.A."

Feature of the Christmas season at Putney, Vt., is "Santa's Land, U.S.A." Santa greets his friends here in one of his homes-away-from-home — since the North Pole must be considered his official residence.

The building is set against a background of pine trees, in the foothills of Vermont's Green mountains. The large letters "S.C." on the chimney identify it as Santa's residence.

IN NEW ORLEANS

Carol sings are a traditional part of the holiday season in New Orleans. Many of them are held across the street from St. Louis cathedral. This historic cathedral in the French Quarter is a focal point for the community's religious observances of Christmas.

Here youthful carolers from a private elementary school, La Petite Ecole, convene to sing the familiar songs, in both French and English.

"CHRISTMAS TREE LANE"

Important part of the holiday season in California is the famous ceremony of "Christmas Tree Lane" at Altadena.

Huge cedar cedars border a public thoroughfare in this city, and at Christmas it is transformed into "Christmas Tree Lane." The trees are lit with thousands of bulbs, turned on at dusk on Christmas Eve, and motorists celebrate the spectacle by driving slowly along the lane.

The tall, graceful cedars were brought to California by Captain Frederick J. Woodbury who, while visiting in India, saw them growing on the slopes of the Himalayas. He returned with cedar seeds, which he planted on his ranch.

In 1885 his sons transplanted the young trees along what was then the principal roadway to the Woodbury ranch.

"CITY OF CANDLELIGHT"

"Richmond — City of Candlelight" has been the Christmas theme for Richmond, Va., for the past five years.

Taking the cue from Colonial Williamsburg, Richmond sought to initiate the rebirth of an old-fashioned Christmas tradition by urging residents and organizations to "place an electric candle in every window."

The shopping area presents triple candles in evergreen bases

set in the median strip; from the windows of the governor's mansion and the capitol glow electric candles; incoming planes are greeted with candles at the airport; virtually every building in the city co-operates.

IN FRENCH CANADA

In French-Canadian homes, one of the highlights of Christmas is the "Reveillon," a middle-of-the-night family feast, for adults. The meal is served after the return from midnight mass but the preparations start many weeks ahead.

Much of the food for the feast, nowadays, centers around turkey and trimmings. But the traditional dishes, including goose with nut stuffing, and such specialties as "tourtières," or spicy pork pies, are still prepared for the Reveillon.

ACTORS GO A-CAROLING

Community caroling in Hanover, Va., for the past 10 years has been provided by a group of actors from Barksdale theatre and friends.

Moving about the town in red costumes and carrying lighted candles, the carolers concentrate on houses with children and elderly people.

They approach the houses singing "Jingle Bells," render two more carols, and move away singing "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."

IN NEW MEXICO

Indian, Spanish and American cultures all contribute to the ways

of celebrating Christmas in New Mexico.

"Prayer dances" performed by the Indians unite their ancient ceremonies with their present Christianity. Following midnight mass on Christmas Eve, they hold four

days of prayer dances. At Taos Pueblo, Indians conduct a "proces-

sion of torches" during Christmas week.

The candles known as luminarias are a Spanish contribution. Put up early in December, they are used to outline walls of houses and stores, as well as curbs and driveways.

Then there is the ceremony of the posada. For nine days, the story of the Nativity and the holy family's search for shelter is acted out by churches, hotels, social groups and families.

And, along with all the festive and religious observances of Christmas in New Mexico, it's certain that the American contribution, jolly old Santa Claus, is well remembered.

Holly Holds Sway

The holly tree and its brightly berried branches hold an important place not only in holiday decorations but in the legends and lore of Christmas.

An old belief in England and Germany was that there are "he" and "she" hollies — the "he" hollies with spined leaves, the "she" hollies smooth-leaved. The varieties brought into the house at Christmas supposedly showed who would head the household for the coming year — "he" or "she."

A variation on this custom said that if the holly was brought into the house in fair weather, the wife would rule, but if the weather was bad, the husband would be master.

Holly was credited with many magical and medical powers. It was believed to cure toothaches, banish rickets, and even foretell to girls the names of their future husbands.

Wishing Everyone A Very Merry Christmas

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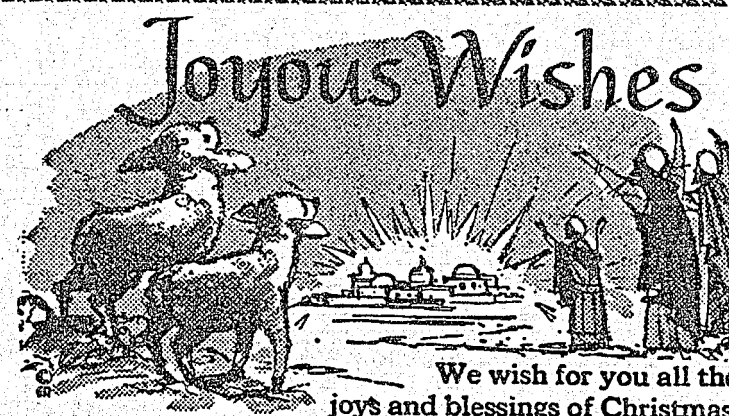
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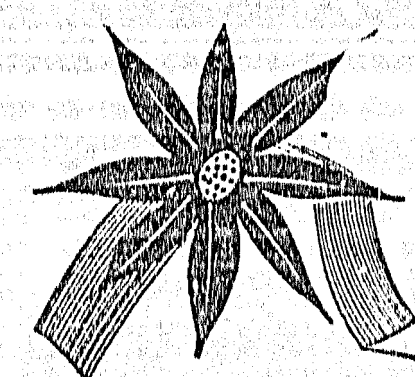
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For Kissing

Secular and religious Christmas customs met in the old English "kissing bunch." This evergreen ball had mistletoe, for kissing, hung from the center. But it also contained small dolls to represent Jesus, Mary and Joseph, as well as an array of fruits and colorful ornaments.

MORE ABOUT CHRISTMAS

(Continued From Page Four)

appreciation of their friendship through the years.

It always seems sheer nonsense to me when there is a movement to do away with Santa Claus and to talk about "the Spirit of Kindness." Fairy tales belong to the childhood of the race, and children accept the fairy tale of the sleigh and reindeer riding through the air, just as their Pagan ancestors looked for Woden, who drove through the air in the dark, bringing gifts for those who honoured him at Yule.

TRUTHS ARE KNOWN

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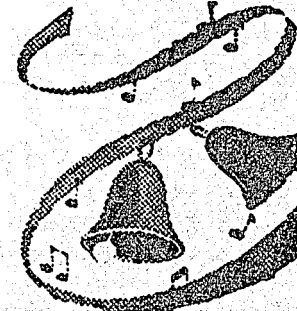
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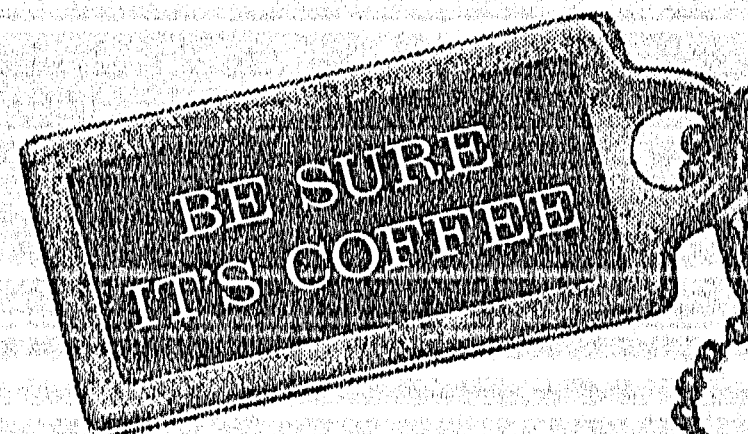
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ONLY SIX WOMEN AT FIRST

Victoria Woman Recalls Experiences At Patricia Bay Air Force Station In War

By ELIZABETH WAKEFIELD

Back in 1941 when the Royal Air Force first came to the air force station at Patricia Bay, I had no idea that one day I would be on that very station myself and in the air force.

I joined the R.C.A.F. Women's Division (WD) in June, 1942, and after basic training in Toronto and trade training in Ottawa and some postings to various other places I ended up at Patricia Bay in 1943. A small group of WDs were to work at 32

OTU and I was one of them. We lived at the RCAF Station across the field and went to and from work in a truck. There were only about six of us to start with, typists, stenographers and equipment assistants. When we moved with the station to Comox there were 14 of us.

SOMETHING NEW

Although this was in 1943, the RAF personnel were not used to having girls stationed with them and did not quite know what to make of us at first.

The RAF personnel were gradually being posted back to the United Kingdom and their places were being taken over by RCAF. Group Captain P. H. Maxwell was the commanding officer. I worked in the orderly room of what was known as the Practical Ground Training (PGT) section and at first was surrounded by RAF staff, all looking forward to the day when they would be "on the boat" for home.

There were Lancaster bombers on the station, Hampdens, some old Battle of Britain Ansons and Hurri-

canes, Beechcraft and Dakota Transports. No. 32 OTU was to be turned into 6 OTU and move to Comox to train transport and glider pilots and their crews. Being transport planes the Dakotas had very little in the way of armament and they were sitting ducks for the enemy fighters. Most of the crews were to go to Burma when they flew over "The Hump" and many were to be shot down.

W.D.s were officially allowed to fly once a month and this was known as a "familiarization flight" for which we could be paid 75 cents. A lot of us took unauthorized flights, including me. I liked flying very much and one day SL Sash told me to go along to one of the crew rooms and get a ride with a sergeant pilot who was going up in an Anson.

NEVER LET ON

Thinking all sorts of nasty things about sergeants and expecting to be thrown out of the office as soon as I got in I reported for my first day's work with SL Sash. He was very nice to me and we were soon getting along very well. I was very happy working for him but I never let on to the sergeant about this because I knew that he would promptly transfer me somewhere else.

I went along to the crew room and got fitted out with a Mae West life jacket and a parachute. Parachute harnesses were not designed for people who wear skirts and it was decided that in the interests of propriety I should not fasten all the straps so actually the parachute would be no use at all in an emergency. It was one of the old Battle of Britain Ansons we were going up in so we climbed in and were soon flying over the station.

NOT FOR SKIRTS

I had never been nervous about flying and everything was fine until the pilot started fiddling with various controls and saying, "I wonder what this is for?" and, "What do you think that knob is for?" "Don't you know?" I asked. He was a breezy Londoner. "Bless you, love," he said, "I've never flown one of these old crates before."

"The heck with being proper," I thought to myself as I bunched up my skirt and fastened up the rest of the parachute straps. I was indeed an old crate. It rattled and shook so much that I was afraid the wings would drop off. They looked awfully insecure. When at last it was time to go down I discovered that it also had no radio. The only way the pilot could communicate with the control tower was with a signal lamp. I was very glad indeed when we got the green light to land and hoped that he really knew which runway he was supposed to use. It was a busy station.

We landed safely and as I was crawling ungracefully out of the plane, due to the cumbersome parachute harness, he chattily remarked that he was really not supposed to be flying at all because he had been "Ceased Training" the day before as being too reckless.

Group Captain Maxwell had a pair of magnificent stuffed eagles mounted on pedestals with their wings spread wide. They were kept in the officers' mess and were his pride and joy. When there was a party in the mess and some of the younger officers got a little high spirited, and GC Maxwell had gone home, they would take the poor old eagles up to the top of the PGT building to make them fly. They didn't fly very well and I often won-

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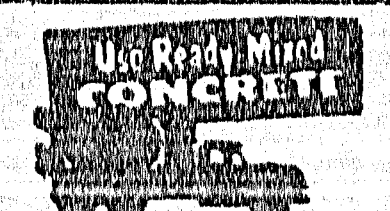
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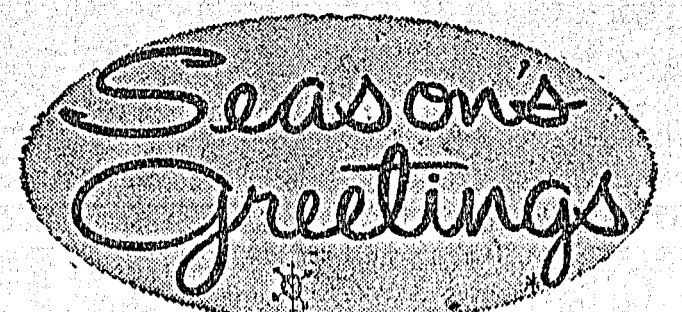
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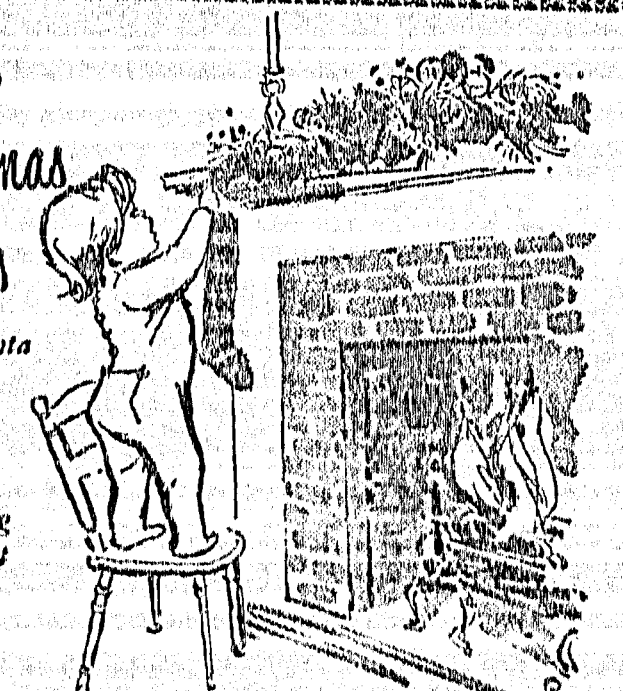
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Cockney Bus Conductor Fares Ill In Humorous Exchange With Bargee's Wife

As Island Traveller Meets Expatriate Pender Man Through English Weekly Paper

By M. D. A. DARLING
At Hyde Park Corner, the bus stop indicator read: "No. 401 Aylesbury". A mental flashback told me that

was County Buckinghamshire — home of the "Bucks Huzzars". At last the sun was shining, so "Let's go" and explore the home of these

stalwarts whom I last remembered meeting in small numbers during the summer of 1915 on Egypt's desert sands, part of a large yeomanry force shipped out there, the bulk of whom were de-horsed and landed as infantry on Gallipoli Peninsula.

This insult to their equestrian "amour propre" was harder to endure than the endless marches on foot with empty water bottles as training for the tough days ahead.

And so to Aylesbury, with a young but very buoyant conductor on the bus, who banded comment with the sundry passengers. Later he met his equal.

Somewhere en route the bus hit a detour and traffic tie-up. It was halted alongside one of England's commercial barge canals—with only a low brick wall separating it from a barge creeping along the water hi-way.

The "captain", a scrawny, stringy individual lolled aft and steered the barge with a naked foot. In the cockpit just below him sat his wife, ample and rotund in stern as the barge itself, and in her lap an earthenware bowl, in which she was whipping up a batter with a wooden spoon.

HOT A BOTTLE
Hanging out from the bus stop, the young conductor called over—"Ullo, Muvver: Put a lil bit extra in the oving fer me. I'll korr rahnd an' see yer to-night."

Back like a flash came the rejoinder, emphasized with a wave of the spoon—"Gwan! Yer ain't earned yer pocket money yet. Gow 'ome and tell yer Mon to 'ot up yer milk bottle". The bus rocked with laughter, our Y.C. not one whit perturbed.

A gentle climb from somewhat marshy land leads up through the newly widened commercial Aylesbury main street, stark in modernized and ugly shop fronts. It pinches out as you enter the old country market town proper. There is barely room for the modern bus here, where aged semi-wooden Tudor type buildings loom and lean towards each other from opposing corners: they seem like two old friends bidding one another a bucolic "goodnight" after a night well spent in the taverns, probably at the "Old Bulls Head" or its ancient rival, the "King's Head".

HISTORY OF THE PAST

To visit these two hostleries, which have functioned since the 16th century continuously, and partake of the good things—wet and dry—they have for the traveller is all-sufficient for that one reason. For this alone is apart from the romance of their historic past, and the fact they are maintained completely today in this old tradition.

As you make your way to the tap room, by way of a winding passage with a step up or one down; a projecting blackened oak beam where you least expect it; a clever electric globe where once the candle or dim rush lights prodded the darkness, here are the ghosts of kings and courtiers, gay ladies and silvery laughter; grim warring generals or men at arms, these latter reminders of the civil wars fought in the narrow courtyards and streets.

FLEEING ARISTOCRATS

Fearful aristocracy fleeing from vengeful politicians but 40 miles and a hard post-ride along the turnpike from London City. And again, as is recorded, of many an "honest" highwayman, deep-drinking in this tap-room, with an ear open for local gossip, and an eye directed through the archway to the stables in the rear of the inn.

Here his nag is kept saddled, with the knowing ostler ready to speed him for a fast breakaway.

Yes, the stables are still there; they are intact today, but as romance fades in the bar with the metal-capped bottle, so today the stables store coal and sports cars.

PROPER PLACE

Crossing the slope of the old market place, at its upper end stands a very fine war memorial for the men who died in two World Wars. Around the Cenotaph the busy crowds ebb and flow.

There, today, they, too, would mingle with their townsfolk, had they not given their lives for these others. I thought how much better is a memorial when placed amidst everyday living, rather than tucked away in a remote graveyard.

COBBLED

Steep, narrow, cobbled Church Lane winds out of the market up to the parish church of St. Mary's, where from its height, it looks out over all of the town. Without the knowledge of being able to distinguish the finer points that indicate Saxon, Early English or Norman architecture, I learned that its Saxon origin dates from A.D. 571, soon after the Romans pulled out of England.

CHEERFUL TOKEN

I at once had the feeling of a robust, cheerful and generously staunch token of the Christian faith, so typical of yeomen generations that have clung to it through wars,

rebellions, fanatical religious strife, and so given of their strength to those whose names were perpetuated in the market square.

The church records through varying periods denotes that in former years justice was summary and often brutal. They hanged them in the churchyard. In the case of one, Philip Thomas who stole a horse in 1734 and confessed his crime, they made him buy his own shroud, which he then donned and rode to the local gallows. Perhaps a generous parting gesture offered by the owners of the stolen horse.

Church records of the names of past vicars are intact from the year A.D. 1270. From then on for 300 years, the Norman "de" appears as "Adam de Rodebroke", "John de Winchcombe"—until the "de" disappears, so that place-names become surnames.

WEEKLY NEWSPAPER


I left the old church as a cracking thunderstorm broke overhead, with a downpour that drove me to shelter under a narrow porchway, which proved by the writing on the door to be the office of the "Bucks Advertiser and Aylesbury News". A figure scuttled past, head down in the deluge, zoomed up a narrow passageway, and disappeared through a side-door. I thought he's going to a drier place than where I am, and where he goes perhaps there's room for me.

So it turned out to be, as I chased way into his office; there I received the fleeting figure up a back stair—

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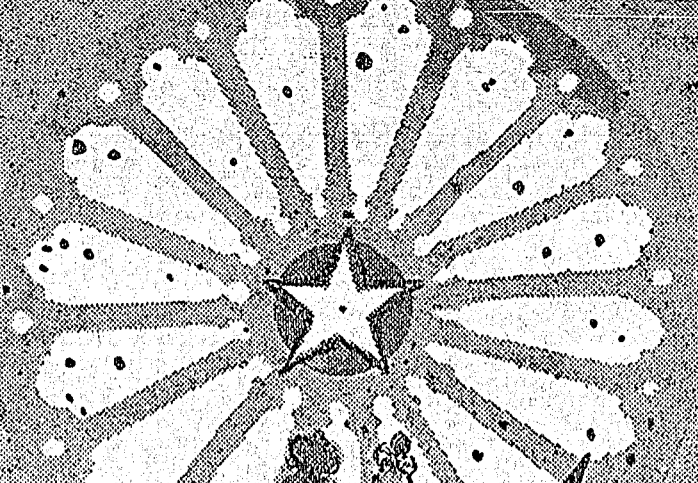
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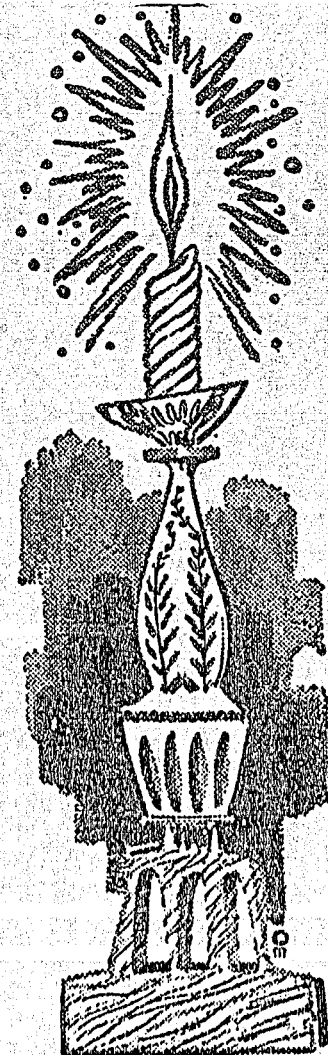
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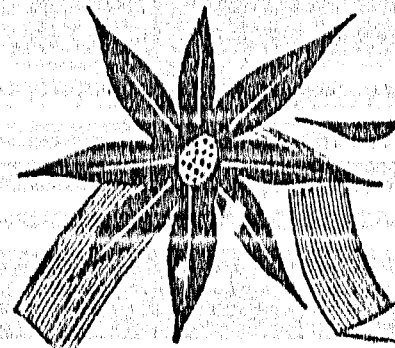
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May You All Know

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

THE SALVATION ARMY THIRD ST., SIDNEY, B.C.

Trucks Cause Concern For Safety Of Keating Pupils

Loaded gravel trucks using roads traversed by young school children caused consternation at a special meeting of Central Saanich council last week.

Letter signed by 10 parents of students at Keating elementary school appealed for definite action by council to alleviate the danger to the children on Saanich Cross Road between Central Saanich Road and the Patricia Bay Highway. This route in use by the loaded trucks involves a primary school, crosswalk and a small store patronized frequently by the pupils, council was informed.

STEEP GRADE

As this is a very steep grade, the undivided attention of drivers is taken in gearing down their heavily-loaded vehicles, it was suggested, and some degree of safety is sacrificed in doing this.

Letter also advised council that the firm concerned, Butler Bros.

Ltd., is willing to co-operate to relieve the danger and indicated it would write to council confirming this if required.

DEATH TRAP

One of the parents, Bub Michell, who was present at the meeting, described the road as a "death trap" for the children.

Reeve R. Gordon Lee said, "We don't want to be hard on the trucking firms, but an accident could reflect on the council."

Motion of Reeve Lee that the trucks be re-routed straight down Central Saanich Road to the East Saanich Road and thence to the highway was approved unanimously by council. Motion also instructed the police department to patrol the area to enforce the new rule. Signs banning trucks on this road will be installed as soon as possible.

GROWING HOLLY

A holly tree grows 15 years before it produces, but its life may be as long as 125 years.

Premier's Greetings

The Holy Season is one of many meanings.

Christmas is a fire glowing in the hearth, the music of youthful gladness, a family gathered round a Christmas tree to share the joys this Special Day holds.

Christmas is the greatness of a star-filled night and the affection that takes our thoughts beyond the canopy of sky. It is the honest simplicity of a child's gratitude, the sincerity attending the exchange of greetings and gifts among friends.

Christmas is a time of human bondship, of true and genuine desires to offer a warm handshake to our fellow man wherever he may be, and the resolve that by this same alliance mankind shall be accordingly enriched and made happier.

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.



HON. W. A. C. BENNETT

MORE ABOUT BRITAIN

(Continued from Page Seven)

ed a most friendly welcome from Frank Hughes, local editor of a very lively weekly newspaper. I was impressed with the outstanding and generous usage of photographic reproduction of local events, all the work of their own camera staff. When I remarked on the extent and the quality of these in a country weekly newspaper, Mr. Hughes told me, "It's the pictures in the paper that holds the public interest".

UNBELIEVABLE

In the long talk we had, I tried to give him a picture of the charm of the Gulf Islands, our way of life, our climate. "No snow?" Unbelievable! The unequalled fishing, sailing and boating; the myriad safe anchorages. The fact that "The Review" reaches its subscribers by launch and ferry steamer—not too long ago by rowboat and even canoe—rather than by lorries speeding along paved hi-ways.

It was quite a revelation to him that any newspaper functioned in this way, for our coastal and island life is almost completely unknown in England. So passed a very friendly hour complete with cup of tea, until the storm blew over. I promised him a 30-pound spring salmon if he'd care to come and try his luck off Sidney Spit. I left him with "that look in his eye".

SEQUEL

This happy but quite unplanned visit to Aylesbury, produced an unsought and unexpected sequel, for as a result of the editor of the Bucks and Aylesbury Press writing of my visit with him, I received letters from a Charles N. Biggs, now living at "The Hollies", Nash Lee Road, Wendover, Bucks., who lived for years on South Pender Island, and who has asked for help in locating his very good friend by the name of Arthur Pender.

His letter in part states, "... we were great pals when I was on South Pender Island some 35 years ago. I saw him last during the war when he was in the Canadian Army. He would now be about 48 years of age. I worked for a year on his grandfather's ranch, Mr. Arthur Spalding. We wrote to each other upon my return to England. During the past war he was stationed with the Canadian troops at Superior Camp, Grayshott. Whilst here he married a girl, her name was Connie. They returned to Canada and I have been unable to find him at an address at Duncan R.R. 2. When I was on Pender I worked with his uncle, Herbert Spalding, who would be about my age now of 61."

His letter goes on to tell of good times he had as a young man there on South Pender, and of the Crane family who lived "at the other end of the valley, by the sea".

MUSICAL EVENING

His letter relates further: "Although quite a bit younger than I am, Arthur Pender and I had a lot of fun together, having semi-musical evenings in my shack with mouth organ, bones, and coal oil cans for drums. On Saturday afternoons we had hockey matches with home made sticks, with practically everybody on the island making up

Rheumatism in common usage means muscular rheumatism; this covers the rheumatic diseases which strike only the tissue surrounding the joints (muscles, tendons, ligaments, etc.)

YULETIDE GREETINGS

Mr. and Mrs. L. Littlewood, who are at present in New Zealand, wish to extend

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS To All Their Friends in Sidney and Vicinity

Antiques Move To New Home As Mayfair Operates Again

Long-established Sidney business has been resuscitated.

Mayfair Antique Shop, formerly operated on Beacon Ave. east of Second St., is now located on the corner of Beacon and Fourth St. A further change has been made. The store is now operated by Mrs. E. Jabs.

Mayfair Antiques was opened and operated for a number of years in various locations by Mrs. G. McMicken. For a long period it remained inactive and has now come into operation again.

The premises occupied by the antique shop have been completely renovated by the owner, Ewald Jabs. Formerly occupied by the Devon Bakery, the store has been opened into one large sales room and the interior has been paneled in keeping with the purpose.

Large new windows give a clear view of the display from the two streets outside.

First feature of the new store is the large carpet, more than 30 feet long, which covers almost the entire floor. It was acquired especially for the purpose and gives a pleasing background to the display.

Atmosphere of the new store is warm and pleasing. Commendations received from initial visitors to the store have been gratifying to the owners of the property.

When Organ Broke
"Silent Night" was first sung at Christmas 1818.

The church organ in an Austrian village had broken down—impaired by mice, so the story goes. Father Joseph Mohr wrote the poem and his organist, Franz Gruber, composed the music.

The congregation, which had been saddened because there would be no music for Christmas, sang "Silent Night" to a guitar accompaniment.

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AT GANGES

Dormitory For Outer Islands Students To Open On Jan. 6

Following a survey of dormitory systems used in various British Columbia school districts, trustees of District 64 (Gulf Islands), will open a dormitory at Ganges for outer islands students on January 6.

The old Lady Minto Hospital has been converted for this purpose and will be under the direct supervision of the principal of Salt Spring Island School, J. M. Evans. Miss

Eileen Green, formally matron of Moulton College, in Toronto, has been engaged as matron for the Ganges dormitory.

Between 15 and 21 high school students are expected to be in residence.

The school board further announces the appointment of Robert Bidwell as custodian of Mahon Hall, Ganges. He will succeed his father, Ronald Bidwell, recently deceased.

Violin-Piano Concert At St. Paul's Thrills Audience

An enthusiastic audience was treated to an enjoyable concert recently in St. Paul's hall by the violin and piano team of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Niedermann.

The superb violin playing of Otto Niedermann and the sympathetic accompaniment of his wife were heard to great advantage in three groups of selections by well-known composers.

The first group, Andante from Mendelssohn's Organ Sonata, the First Movement from Haydn's Sonata in G and a suite by Purcell were thoroughly enjoyed. The well-loved Adagio movement from the Moonlight Sonata and Romance in G by Beethoven thrilled the audience.

The final group, Czardas, Liebesfreud Gypsy Serenade and Meditation were equally enjoyed and several encores were played.

The violin and piano selections were all well chosen, well played and well received. They were ably supported by St. Paul's senior choir under the direction of J. C. Young

the teams: all this very, very happy carefree memories."

His letter concludes: "I would certainly enjoy some news of my old friend Arthur, and his Connie from Croydon, and I will be more than grateful for anything you may be able to find out from him or from anybody on South Pender who may remember me."

And so, Mr. Editor, someone among your subscribers on South Pender or the Islands may be able to furnish a reply to this letter from Charles N. Briggs. With the address given here, they can communicate direct to him, or if need be through your office, and I will see that contact is made with him.

who sang one group of secular items and one group of carols. The choir was accompanied by Mrs. Helen Ganderton.

Flowers were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Niedermann by Elaine and Sharon Tripp and to Mrs. Ganderton by Mrs. Eileen Pettigrew.

The concert was sponsored by the board of stewards of the church, and the artists were thanked by D. McKinnon, chairman of the board. —V.P.

PLANNING BOARD OPINION ON GAS TANK PROPOSAL

Opinion of the Capital Region Planning Board will be sought by Central Saanich council before any action is taken on an application for a propane gas tank to be situated on one of two lots on Keating Cross Road.

Application was submitted by Brentwood Properties Ltd. on behalf of an unidentified gas firm.

Proposed locations are at the west end of Keating near the Blue Bird Grill or next to Westcraft Manufacturing Ltd., opposite Saanich Fruit Growers.

Desirability of such a use was questioned by Reeve R. G. Lee, who also wondered if special commercial zoning would be required. Fears that it could develop into a "tank farm" were advanced by Councillor R. M. Lamont.

Decision to submit the application to the planning board for recommendation was unanimous.

Most cases of arthritis belong to one of three common types: rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, and osteoarthritis.



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